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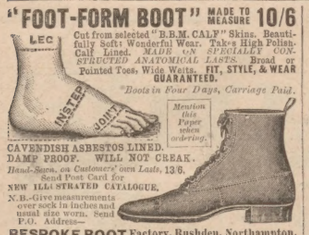

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When death is near and in a shape which makes the bravest quail,
And danger by whose dreaded form all other perils pale.
But scorching smoke and lurid flame against their pluck arrayed,
But prove the stuff of which the men who've sailed the seas are made.
Has ever one been known to fear when face to face with death;
Or when there was a life to save, turned from its burning breath?
We've many a boast, we've many a toast—our soldiers in the field,
And men that man our battle-ships, twin glories on our shield,
And heroes on whose pluck our hearts in times of fear are stayed,
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The hero that his heroes led into the fiery fray,
When raged that battle hand to hand with death the other day,
Won mid the "battle and the breeze" a name that stirs the brave,
Won by his life upon the seas the daring that can save.
He walked the *Anson's* quarter-deck, he heard the broadsides roar,
When Beresford fresh glories gave to Britain's noble store.
Well's left the breezy ocean, but he brought away with him
What ev'ry sailor brings—cool pluck, determination grim.
He left the battle on the wave for battles on the land,
And many a rousing broadside still is sent at his command,
And facing death, the common foe, is still the sailor bluff,
Chief of the gallant Fire Brigade and Royal Navy Luff.

KATE BISHOP ("Kay Bee").

[In reply to a correspondent, we may state that any letter addressed to *The Penny Illustrated Paper*, 10, Milford Lane, Strand, London, will reach Miss Kate Bishop.]

"The Courtship of Morrice Buckler" on the Stage.—A company organised by Mr. Abud, and consisting of Messrs. W. L. Abingdon, Yorke Stephens, Charles Fulton, Henry Vibart, and Mesdames Esmé Beringer, Furtado Clarke, and Helen Leyton, will appear at the Grand Theatre, Islington, next Monday evening, in a stage version of "The Courtship of Morrice Buckler," by the author, Mr. A. E. W. Mason and Miss Isabel Bateman. Experts who have read the play speak most highly of it; and Mr. Abud is fortunate in having secured all the acting rights in the face of some sensational bidding. Special costumes are being prepared by Messrs. Nathan, and Mr. Abud is personally superintending all arrangements for the production of this powerful new drama at the Grand, which is deservedly prospering under the present enterprising and experienced Directorate. The Grand Theatre is the handiest for Cattle Show visitors to drop into.

At Avonmouth Wharf an Irishman, with curiosity in his eye, was noticed looking long and wonderingly at a monster anchor that was lying on the landing. He was simply on a tour of observation, but his movements were apparently suspicious, and were noticed by the man in charge, who approached the idler and asked him why he was loafing around there so long. Said the Irishman as he pointed to the huge mass of iron, "Sor, it isn't loafing I am; but if I stay here a week I'll get a look at the feller that's able to handle that pick."

The Late Professor Key, when Head Master of a large London school, was one of the most genial gentlemen that ever filled that position. He was fond of encouraging fun in his boys, and was not averse from recounting occasionally during class time, when anything prompted it, the manners and customs of countries he had visited. On one occasion he was telling his class about Spain, and said: "Do you know, boys, that when a man attains to eminence there he is not called 'Sir,' but is given the title of 'Don'?" One of the boys here called out: "Then, I suppose, Sir, they would call you Don-Key!" The gravity of the class was completely upset for the remainder of the afternoon.

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Talk of London.

THE PRINCESS'S BIRTHDAY.

TO all who had the pleasure of seeing the Princess of Wales looking in the best of health, and well nigh as young as her daughter, Princess Victoria, as she sat in the Royal Box, with Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne, at the recent production of "Diarmid" at Covent Garden Opera House, it must appear almost incredible that Her Royal Highness on Wednesday last was fifty-three years of age. Though our favourite Princess has had her full share of the sorrows which come to rich and poor alike, and has, with the rest of the Royal Family, been plunged into mourning anew by the lamentable deaths of Princess Mary and the Countess of Lathom, yet, in the quiet of her Norfolk home and in the congenial society of the small party of friends and relatives the Prince invited to the birthday feast, it is to be hoped Her Royal Highness found the joyous consolation and loving sympathy which repay one for much of the inevitable sufferings of life. We all rejoice to know the Prince of Wales is in good health—much better, indeed, than he was a few years ago. His characteristic *bonhomie* in Durham, his hearty tribute to the late Bishop Lightfoot, and his genial laughter when the Durham miner showed him the pick which H.R.H. himself had used forty years ago at Lambton, won for him fresh friends in the North of England.

Lord Reay

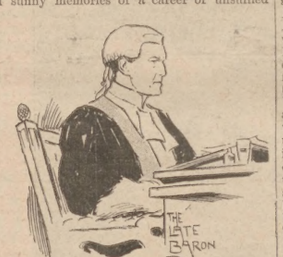
is the newly chosen Chairman of the fresh London School Board, and Mr. E. Lyulph Stanley Vice-Chairman. Though fearing a continuance of prodigal and shameless extravagance on the part of the new Board, ratepayers down in the dumps have one hopeful prospect. Mr. Stanley has promised us at last "economy with efficiency." When the present monstrously and iniquitously heavy School Board rate is cut down by one half—then we shall believe in the Board. But—

When will that be?
Say the Bells of Stepney.

Baron Reay (Chief of the Clan Mackay) should make a good Chairman. He has filled some of the highest State positions. He has been Governor of Bombay, Under-Secretary of State for India, Lord Rector of St. Andrews University, and Lord Lieutenant of Roxburgh.

The Late Baron Pollock,

like the majority of British Judges, left behind him sunny memories of a career of unsullied



From a "P.I.P." Artist's Sketch-Book.

integrity. One of the kindest of men, richly did Baron Pollock merit the warm eulogiums of Lord Russell, the eloquent Lord Chief Justice, and of Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., each of whom plainly spoke from the heart in bearing witness to the sterling merits of the deceased.

Sir Walter Phillimore's

appointment as one of the Justices of the High Court has been generally approved. Son of Sir Robert Phillimore, the famous Admiralty Judge, Sir Walter was educated at Westminster and Oxford, and has long practised as a barrister in the Admiralty and Probate Courts. It is to the credit of the Government that choice has fallen on a well-qualified man whose politics are opposed to those of the Ministry.

Courts of Justice "Smoker."

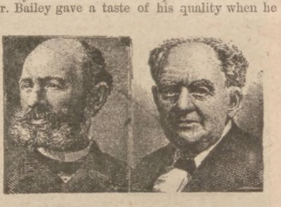
This annual smoking concert, given by the able staff of the Royal Courts of Justice in aid of their Sick and Provident Fund, proved exceptionally successful at the Holborn Town Hall on Nov. 26. As sketched by a *P.I.P.* Artist, Sir Robert Reid, Q.C., M.P., the ex-Attorney-General, good-naturedly took the Chair, and was supported by the present Attorney-General, Sir Richard Webster, Q.C., M.P., G.C.M.G. (President of the Fund), Mr. Lawson Walton, Q.C., Mr. Arthur Cohen, Q.C., Mr. H. Sutton, beaming Mr. Burney, Mr. Arthur T. Pask, and others; Mr. Francis Stringer making a most efficient and cheery vice-chairman. The remarkably attractive programme provided by the zealous concert-secretary, Mr. W. T. Reaks, smoothed the lines of overwork from the faces of the present and past Attorneys-General, made urbane Mr. Burney blither than ever, and, indeed, when resounding cries of "Over" greeted one acrobatic songstress, occasioned boisterous hilarity. You see dry legal studies call for some mental relief; hence legal luminaries roared when Herbert Campbell's dulcet voice swept like a gentle zephyr through the thronged room, and told of "The Seats of the Mighty" (with sly cuts at Mr. Chamberlain and other men of mark), and of Paris misadventures. Miss Ethel Bankart's violin solo was equally well executed. The humours of Misses Ethel Earle, Edie Ross, Katie Edgar, Messrs. George Robey, Fred Stoneham, Ted Honeyman; the sweet song of Mr. Templar Saxe; the silver-bell playing of Mr. R. B. Hopkins; "lightning cartoons" of Mr. George Haynes, and Dickens impersonations of Mr. Charles Conway, were also much relished. But the vast audience forgot to give three cheers to Sir Robert Reid for presiding so genially. I beg to repair the omission in all heartiness.

The Hurricane

which smote many London houses on Sunday night, and wrought great havoc inland, was felt most severely round our coasts. The tale of disasters is sadly long. It was heralded by the sad news of a deplorable collision in the small hours of Thursday, Nov. 25, between a Cardiff steamer, the *Labarrouere*, and a large sailing-ship off Lundy Island, the former foundering in an hour from the shock. A Norwegian vessel, fortunately, picked up one boat's crew of the *Labarrouere*, but the second boat, with Captain Young, Samuel Ward, the second mate, Evan Davies, David Thomas, and P. Nolan, was unhappily missing. The storm raged on Sunday night and Monday in the English Channel, and with special violence on the Kentish Coast, washing away Broadstairs and Sheerness Piers, and wrecking Margate Marine Palace near the Jetty; whilst Woolwich Arsenal was inundated, and a lively scene ensued when the troops had to be called out to stem the floods.

Barnum's Olympian Show.

A Napoleonic organiser, Mr. J. A. Bailey, the partner of the late Phineas T. Barnum, is a worthy successor of that Emperor of Showmen. Mr. Bailey gave a taste of his quality when he



J. A. BAILEY. P. T. BARNUM.

transported the whole of his vast Menagerie across the Atlantic, transforming the good ship *Massachusetts* into a second Noah's Ark, and landing his wonderful collection of beasts and birds safely in London on Nov. 24. A *P.I.P.* Artist was made welcome on board the *Massachusetts* on that date, and sketched for us what he saw on board. By Monday last, when I dropped into Olympia, the large herd of elephants and their companions had been comfortably lodged in the annexe, where we used to meander in gondolas through a miniature Venice. This new "Zoo" is bound to be a big attraction. It would have been opened in a week or so if the County Council had not insisted upon the construction of a costly and colossal iron curtain (the necessity for which is not obvious). But London may now have to wait till Boxing Day to feast its eyes on the gigantic show Mr. Bailey has provided—to be engrossed by the realistic military spectacle of the Soudan Expedition, which would make our "Trooper Tommy's" eyes sparkle with pride and pleasure; to stroll around and admire the amazing giantess, the moss-haired girl, and innumerable other freaks of Nature to be staged in the vast zoological section; and to be regaled with the newest Circus performances in three rings, and by a magnificent display of horses. The draw in the Menagerie will be Joanna, the big chimpanzee called a gorilla, who takes a dinner of various courses, helps herself to a glass of port, and drinks it with as much zest as she drains a cup of coffee and smokes a cigarette. Joanna dined so deftly on Monday as to gain our admiration. I am

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sure (if her cough shouldn't incapacitate her) Joanna will be an extraordinary attraction at Olympia. She and her clever trainer, Mackay, are included in the *P.I.P.* Drawing.

The Old Drury Pantomime.

"Twenty thousand pounds already received for seats in advance" is the latest information from Drury Lane Theatre. Mr. Arthur Collins, the new manager, says he means to produce the best pantomime for children and adults ever seen, even at Drury Lane. It is to open with a "Children's Nursery," where a grim spectre appears, blown through the window on snowflakes. It is the "Spirit of Indigestion," who avenges himself by making the youngsters uncomfortable after enjoying too much Christmas fare. Medicine bottles are seen dancing on the floor. The Spirit of Youth, however, conquers the Indigestion Monster by transporting the little folks to the Drury Lane pantomime. The next scene shows us the Wicked Uncle as a Sporting Tipster. Mr. Dan Leno and Mr. Herbert Campbell are the "Babes in the Wood" who come to visit their uncle. In the course of their gambols, they tumble into a gigantic typewriter, and emerge covered with figures. Their pranks with the tape lead to some laughable scenes. Another extremely attractive scene for children will be a Fair, with all sorts of grotesque toys, steam roundabouts, etc. In fact "All the Fun of the Fair" will be represented for our juvenile friends. The robbers, disguised as showmen, will entice the children into a Magic Cave, where they will see a wonderful forest and garden. They wander until they reach an Enchanted Glade, full of strange monsters. Next, they stray into "Mushroom Land," where the mushrooms grow before their very eyes until they reach the sky. The scene where the Babes lie down to sleep is a caricature of the famous "Hansel and Gretel" business, and most amusing it bids fair to be. The sudden transformation to

The Valley of Orchids

promises to be one of the most exquisite stage illusions ever seen. Even from a glimpse at the rehearsal I confidently predict that it will make all the boys and girls, of all ages, who witness it breathless with wonder. There will be twenty members of the Grigolati troupe seen floating in the air as fairies. Other scenes will be the Sports Club, where the wicked Baron will be caught cheating at cards; a kitchen scene, where Messrs. Dan Leno and Herbert Campbell are to show us some entirely novel examples of cookery; and a comic race scene, in which the horses are to be weighed instead of the jockeys. The wicked Baron will attempt to nobble the Prince's horse, but Mr. Dan Leno will mount the steed and win easily. The Babes will escape, and grow up, having come of age being a scene of brilliant festivity. The procession of guests here will introduce a gorgeous display of costumes. First-rate pantomime performers are engaged, and Mr. Arthur Collins promises a feast of drollery and lustrous beauty such as has never been equalled.

"Frolicsome Fanny"

is the title of a new farce by Mr. A. C. Calmour tried last week at a Gaiety Theatre matinée—the wonderfully successful "Circus Girl" still holding the evening bill. Mr. Calmour is chiefly known as a dramatic author by pieces which have a certain flavour of the Elizabethan period. But the central idea of "Frolicsome Fanny" was that of an establishment to patch up the fissures in matrimonial ruptures; and the principal partner in the firm disguised himself as a kind of female detective, and assumed the name of "Frolicsome Fanny." The piece proved of the "screaming farce" order, funny here and there. Mr. Arthur Williams, unctuously humorous as Hazzard, was very ably supported by Miss Emily Thorne, Miss Sophie Larkin, Mr. L. Mackinder, Mr. Robert Nainby, Miss Nina Boucicault, and dashing Miss Rose Dearing, who made the hit of the afternoon in her rather lively Music-Hally ditty, "Hook the bottom eye!" composed by Mr. John Crook. So extraordinarily popular is "The Circus Girl" that it is not only playing to full houses nightly at the Gaiety, but this sparkling light comic opera, as performed by another of Mr. George Edwardes's companies, has been amusing South Londoners this week at the Brixton Theatre.

Mr. Penley's New Theatre.

The news that Mr. Penley has acquired the little Novelty Theatre in Great Queen Street is quite a surprise, as that establishment has been by no means a "lucky house." May Mr. Penley have the same good fortune as the Bancrofts, who made the dismal little Tottenham Street Theatre the most popular and fashionable temple of comedy in London. The house is to be rebuilt, enlarged, improved in every way, and it will probably not be ready until late next spring for the comic piece that is to follow "Charley's Aunt."

"A Man's Shadow"

(Mr. Robert Buchanan's translation of "Roger La Honte") was most enthusiastically received on its revival by Mr. Tree, at Her Majesty's, last Saturday night. Miserably wet outside, it was most cosy within this admirably managed new theatre. By the opening scene of Lucien Laroque's introduction by De Noirville to his wife (a former mistress of Laroque), one was irresistibly reminded of the leading incident in "The Tree of Knowledge," albeit it is not a Tree, but an Alexander who reaps as he sows at the St. James's. If anything, the impersonation by Mr. Tree of the respectable Lucien and his disreputable double, Luversan, has gained in finish, and in the *diablerie* of the murderous scoundrel of whose crime Laroque is accused in the tragic trial which ends in his counsel's sensational death. This last bit of strong characterisation is the best thing Mr. Lewis Waller has done. But the acting that pleased me best of all was the very lifelike Jean Ricordot of Mr. Gerald Du Maurier, and the infinitely pathetic and natural little Suzanne of Miss Dorrie Harris. Admirable in their parts also were Mrs. Tree and Miss Lily Hanbury, Miss Winifred Leon, Mr. Lionel Brough, Mr. E. M. Robson, and Mr. Charles G. Allan, the impressive President. "A Man's Shadow" deserves to enjoy a fresh lease of popularity. THE PROMPTER.

THE DISASTROUS GALE: THE COLLISION OFF LUNDY ISLAND.

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The Best Novelist for Schoolmasters.—Hall Caine.

Professor (lecturing): "Oxygen is essential to all animal existence; there could be no life without it. Strange to say, it was not discovered until a century ago, when——" Student: "What did they do before it was discovered, Professor?"

"Speaking about Remarkable Accidents," said Hilt, "I once fell forty feet—from the masthead to the deck—and, would you believe it, I escaped with only a few scratches?" "Um," murmured Davy, "landed on your head, I presume?"

Impressions of the French Army.

BY "TROOPER TOMMY ATKINS."

I.

Paris, November 1897.

THE French soldier differs in so many essential characteristics from our own Tommy Atkins, whose mode of life it has been my desire to picture since I first wrote in these columns, that I feel assured that my readers will find some interest in the perusal of the details I propose to give them of

The French Soldier,

his uniform, manner of living, and general behaviour in the street and in barracks.

Almost the first thing which strikes one on arriving in France is the tremendous number of uniformed men in the streets. It is difficult to a novice to determine which of these belong to the Army, since the policemen, post-office officials, and, in fact, those of nearly every department of the public administration are decked out in a semi-military costume, comprising as often as not a cocked hat with a tri-coloured rosette.

In Paris,

more especially, one finds the soldier everywhere. He is on guard at the doors of the national theatres. He rides along the street with a jaunty air that seems hardly in keeping with his apparently loose seat on horseback—for the French cavalryman does not seem so much a part of his mount as does his English prototype. He strolls along the grand boulevards with hands in his pockets, his sword tucked up under his arm, and cigarette in mouth; or he lounges outside a café, and over a glass of beer or thin red wine holds animated converse with a comrade or contentedly surveys the crowd which passes continually. To one who knows soldiering as it is in our own army, this apparently

Dolce-Far-Niente Existence

seems hardly compatible with the wonderful marching powers which the French soldier is known to possess. It would seem that he would quickly get out of training, and be of little more use than the rawest of raw recruits; but, of course, this applies more particularly to those troops quartered in Paris or its immediate vicinity. To English eyes, the

French Uniforms are Particularly Ugly.

The infantryman wears, as a rule, an ill-fitting tunic of blue, which is decorated with the number of his regiment on the collar in huge yellow figures. His cap is of soft cloth, with a peak, and he wears it, in the street at least, apparently as fancy dictates—on one side, at the back of his head, or with the peak drawn over his eyes. Huge red worsted epaulettes and very baggy scarlet trousers, fitting badly over the most clumsy-looking boots in the world, complete an attire as unsoldierly in appearance as it is doubtless comfortable, for

The "Pioupiou,"

which is the French equivalent for "Tommy Atkins," hasn't the remotest idea of "bucking himself up" when walking out. He slouches along—there is no other word for it—in a manner which would earn him "drill in the square" for the whole of his service were he in our army. As in France officers as well as men wear their uniform continually, the unfortunate private is always saluting his superiors—commissioned as well as non-commissioned down to the rank of Serjeant—and, apparently, the frequency with which he has to do this has made him sick of the whole thing, for he does it in a manner that would

Send One of Our Drill-Instructors into Madness.

This salute is merely a touch of the cap, such as our would get from an ostler.

The cavalrymen are better off in the matter of uniform, for their things are cut more on the "square-pushing" lines, and are brilliant to the verge of gaudiness, being plentifully besplashed with lace-worsted in the case of the "*simple soldat*," and gold or silver for the officers, and a wonderful array of buttons. Their *képis* are natty, and they wear them with a jaunty air that bespeaks the "horse-soldier." From head to waist they are smart enough, but then comes a fearful falling off, for instead of neatly fitting overalls strapped tightly down to a well-polished boot, they wear the old-fashioned loose trouser, leathered up to the knee, and falling in a multitude of wrinkles on to a heavy boot, on the heel of which is stuck a small straight spur, generally considerably the worse for exposure to the weather.

They are rarely seen without their swords, and the

Dragoons and Cuirassiers

nearly always appear in their huge "war-hats" of brass, shaped like those worn by our firemen, but which are decorated with a feather brush at the side, and have a long plume of horsehair hanging down behind. Nearly every man one meets has a cigarette stuck in one corner of his mouth, and as he lurches along with his sword hooked up or trailing noisily by his side, he is hardly what we should call soldierly.

Mamma: "Has he at last proposed?" Daisy: "Yes." Mamma: "Did he press his suit fervently?" Daisy: "Yes—and mine too."

Aunt Jane: "That is a very decorous and modest bathing-suit, Louise, and I quite approve of it." Louise; "I am glad you think it so proper, aunty; but it is my bicycle suit you know."

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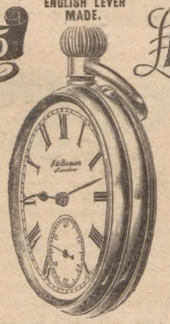

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"P.I.P." AUTUMN STORIES.

In Three Short Days.

BY E. KERR-LAWSON.

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I.

"NO, Ned," said Frank Egerton, as he lay back in his easy chair and placed his feet on the mantel; "women are all alike—all sham and deceit, or, to put it mildly, changeable as weather-cocks."

"But," replied Ned, "would you really like to meet a genuine, unsophisticated, happy, honest, and pretty girl? I have a lady friend who lives at Maidenhead. I met her in Scotland last summer, and she invited me to call on her when I came to London. Now, the other day I wrote her telling her that I was about to look her up, and asking her to allow me to bring a certain sour-savoured, woman-hating friend of mine named Frank Egerton. Here is her reply, you humbug," and he handed to his companion a little blue envelope which exhaled a delicate odour of violets.

"Not a bad smell," remarked Egerton sarcastically, as he opened the letter. "And quite a respectable handwriting, too. She can't be a bad sort. But say, this is an invitation to stay a few days."

"Yes. And I propose that we accept. We can go down on Friday and stay till Monday."

"Well, Ned," said Frank lazily, "I don't mind. She can't be any worse than the others of her sex whom we meet in London. When do you propose starting? Friday morning?"

"Yes, but look here, Frank; I don't want you to be poaching on my preserves; in short, I don't want you to fall in love with Gertie Little."

"Ho! ho! It's as serious as that, is it?" laughed Egerton, taking a coal from the fire with the tongs and relighting his pipe. "But you need have no fear, old man. With all due respect to you and your impressionistic school, believe me, there is not a little Gertie or a big Gertie on top of the earth who could make the slightest impression on me. I'm fire-proof."

II.

"Here we are, Frank," cried Ned Kerr, opening the carriage door and stepping out at Maidenhead station. "In five minutes I will introduce you to the most charming girl in the town."

"Why wait five minutes?" asked a musical voice at his side.

It was Gertie Little herself—her pretty face dimpled with smiles, and a roguish twinkle in her laughing blue eyes.

"You see," she tried to explain, "I was out doing some shopping and found myself at the station, and—er—I knew your train was due—so—well, I just thought I'd like to meet you."

"Oh! that was too good of you, Gertie! Let me introduce my friend—Miss Little—Mr. Egerton."

"I'm always pleased to meet a friend of Mr. Kerr's," she said. And Ned watched the expression of his companion's face as he stammered out some courteous commonplace.

Then he went away to look for a cab; and Frank was left alone with Gertie.

"I am sorry my sister was not with me when I came," she remarked.

"Your sister!" exclaimed Frank in surprise; "I did not know you had a sister. Ned never mentioned her name to me."

"Never mentioned Molly! Why Molly is the most beautiful girl for miles round, even if she is my sister."

"Beauty must run in the family then," said Frank, with an attempt at gallantry.

At this moment Ned beckoned them to come. The cab was waiting, so the two went along together, Frank blushing like a schoolboy, Gertie tripping beside him like the very spirit of happy summer.

Then Ned smiled as he watched his friend attentively assist Gertie into the cab; and as he stepped in himself he whispered into Frank's ear—

"Now remember—no poaching."

"Fudge!" cried Frank; but he blushed. Ned chuckled to himself; and the three drove off to Gertie's home."

III.

The Thames never looked more beautiful in summer sunshine than on that Friday afternoon. Great white house-boats lay moored at intervals along the banks, and scores of row-boats passed up and down—filled with laughing girls and merry men. There was not a cloud in the blue sky.

"Shall we get a boat to seat four, or shall we have two boats?" asked Ned, with a significant smile.

He was standing beside Molly; Gertie was with Frank.

"I think," began Gertie, blushing faintly, and casting a sidelong look at Frank. "Don't you think, Mr. Egerton, it would be nicer to have two?"

Frank admitted that it would. Then he fell to wondering whether that might not be considered by Ned to partake of the nature of "poaching."

"All right," said Ned, "I'll take Molly; you, Gertie, can look after Frank. Ta-ta. We'll see you up the stream."

And away they went, leaving Frank and Gertie to find their own boat. This they soon did, and before long they were on the water. Gertie insisted on taking the oars herself.

And Frank sat in the stern, spell-bound by this charming chatterbox. He felt a guilty delight in her company, for Ned's "No poaching" was ringing in his ears.

A beautiful wood of silver birch and plane-trees stretched along the banks.

"Oh!" exclaimed Gertie in ecstasies, "this is where we get the lovely violets. Do let us land and gather some. It is such a charming spot."

And so they fastened the boat among the reeds and went ashore.

Frank followed Gertie, half convinced that she was a nymph, and certain that she held him in a spell. He was intoxicated with a hitherto unknown delight. The odour of wild flowers was in his nostrils; the music of Gertie's voice was in his ears.

Suddenly he was startled by a sharp cry of pain. Gertie had slipped and fallen. In a moment he was beside her.

"Are you hurt, Miss Little?" he cried, with no attempt to hide his real anxiety.

"Oh, oh, oh!" she exclaimed. "I've sprained my ankle; and, oh, dear! I shall not be able to dance to-night!"

Her distress was half comic, and Frank could scarcely restrain a smile. But the smile vanished when he found that Gertie could not stand, far less walk.

"This is really serious," he said gravely. "I shall have to carry you to the boat."

"Do you think that so very serious, then?" she asked.

She looked at him with a coquettish challenge in her eyes. There was no way out of the difficulty, so he lifted her lightly in his arms. And no sooner was that fair young head resting on his shoulder, and his hot lips just touching that fair white brow, than Frank knew he was helplessly and hopelessly in love with Gertie Little. And with this conviction came the thought that she could never be his. She belonged to Ned. Ned, too, had acted openly and honourably, and had warned him not to "poach in his preserves."

Unconsciously he fetched a great sigh.

"Am I so awfully heavy, then," asked Gertie, looking up into his face.

"Heavy! My dear child—I beg your pardon—I mean—in short—you are no weight at all. But here we are at the bont."

He was lifting her gently over the gun'le when a voice came across the water—

"Hello, Frank! What's up? Gertie ill?"

It was Ned. He and Molly were rowing down the stream.

"Oh, Molly!" cried Gertie, from Frank's arms, "I won't be able to dance to-night. I have sprained my ankle. Isn't it horrid?"

"Never mind, Gertie," said Molly sympathisingly, "we will postpone the dancing till to-morrow night, and perhaps it will be better by that time. We must be going back. Tea will be waiting."

"All right. Come, Frank," cried Ned, "we'll have a quick pull down."

The two boats shot away down the river.

IV.

It was Monday night, and the two men again sat in Ned's "diggings" in London.

This time it was Ned who had his feet on the mantel. Frank sat beside him, his elbows on his knees, his face in his hands, gazing into the fire. Somehow or other their relative attitudes had changed since they sat there a few days ago. It was Ned that had the upper hand now: there was no scoffing on the part of Frank.

"You seem to have come up in the dumps, old man," said Ned.

"I wish to Heaven I had never gone down!"

"Tuts, man!" Ned's eyes twinkled as he spoke. "I should not think a fellow of your confirmed bachelor convictions would be so upset by a pretty face. But, perhaps, I have kept you on the rack long enough."

Here he took his feet down from the mantel and put the table between himself and Frank.

"Now, old man," he said, when he was safely out of the other's reach, "I have a word to say to you. Hitherto you have always made me the butt of your sceptic jokes, because, forsooth, I professed to believe there was such a thing as an honest, wholesome girl in the world. But I knew my turn would come, and I would get my revenge. I knew also that you would fall in love with Gertie, the more especially if you thought her entirely out of your reach. Therefore, I led you to believe that I had a first mortgage on her. As a matter of fact, there is nothing but friendship between Gertie and me. I have been engaged to Molly for over a year."

Frank jumped to his feet.

"Ned!" he gasped, "is that true?"

"Gospel, Frank. And more than that, Molly told me this morning that Gertie was crying her eyes out all last night because you seemed anxious to avoid her. She is as badly in love as you are."

A smile began to dawn in Frank's gloomy face. Then he seized a cushion and threw it straight at Ned's head.

"You unmitigated scoundrel!" he exclaimed; but his face was now fairly beaming.

"Revenge is sweet," retorted Ned. "But there is one thing more Molly made me promise, that I would bring you down again next Saturday."

"By Jove!" cried Frank. "Molly 's a brick. A plague on all I have said against women. They are all angels."

THE END.

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Rosalind's London Fashions.

EVER, I think, since the Georgian era has the ostrich feather been such a self-assertive item of feminine head-gear as at the present moment. But I would appeal to all my readers of good taste to reduce their ostrich-feather hat embellishments to a minimum. It was—under the circumstances that ostrich feathers are a stern necessity to the hats of the hour—a specially unkind fate that included several feather warehouses in the recent great fire in the City, illustrated amply in last week's *P.I.P.* Such an immense quantity of ostrich feathers was thus destroyed that the price of the all-important plume has rushed up to a premium—for a time, at least.

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THREE-TIERED TOQUE.

In Fig. 1 you have one of the "three-tiered" toques of the popular crinkled velvet. Quite low in itself, it is raised to the necessary height and importance by the group of ostrich feathers from the left side almost at the back. The velvet in this model is pearl grey, the feathers of the same shade, and the chrysanthemums completing the group are yellow Japanese. It is not the mode to have the ostrich feather much curled at the present moment.

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A SMALL BOY'S SUIT.

In Fig. 2 is Sketched a Smart Little Suit for a Boy from three to six years from a very successful model just seen. It is in dark-blue serge, the open coat with small revers showing a shirt of scarlet serge, the broad collar of which comes quite over the coat. A sailor-cap of scarlet cloth is worn with this suit, in which a dark-eyed boy looks bonnie.

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A Modish Walking Toilette is sketched in Fig. 3. This is of dark-green cloth trimmed with straps of black velvet and gold buttons. The Moujik bodice is opened over an under one of black velvet, the roll-over collar being of the same, and the waist-belt of gold embroidery. A hat and muff of black velvet complete the *tout ensemble*. The skirt is of the latest cut; very tight over the hips, and very full in the skirt. I don't think the loose, untidy-looking Russian blouse is likely to be long fashionable. Trim, neat figures look well in it, as they do in anything. But on some stoutish forms, the Russian blouses look absolutely slovenly. The sooner it goes the better. By-the-bye, the alarms of crinoline, which filled the air some months ago, and made us cast furtive glances round and tremble for our grace and comfort, have passed away like a bad dream; and there is every hope that the awful threats of panniered and draped skirts will prove equally evanescent. The modistes have tried their level best to force us into flounces and general fussiness; but, so far, the major part of the community will have none of it. Let us stick to our colours, declining firmly to be guyed, and we shall come as triumphantly through this as the crinoline danger.

SMART WALKING GOWN A LA MODE.

Rural Life.

BY THE "P.I.P." COTTAGE FARMER.

A Model Small Farm.

HAVING just seen a small farm of 6½ acres that I selected, advised upon, and laid out, set agoing, I will give my readers a few notes about it. The situation is near Hastings. The owners are two ladies. I was asked to choose their subjects for cultivation and to start them on the way. I planned the place for (1) salads; (2) big dessert gooseberries; (3) new-laid, brown-shelled eggs; (4) honey. I may premise that one able-bod'ed helper, a young man who knows a little about bees, is being employed. His wages are 12s. a week and board. There are a

Pony and Spring Cart,

a cow, a sow, a stock of sixty hens, ten hives of bees, a long, low greenhouse—100 ft. by 10 ft.—a range of frames (thirty-three in all), an acre of enclosed garden, laid out in four plots, thus: ½ acre gooseberries, ¼ acre salad beds, ¼ acre kitchen garden vegetables, 1½ acre for potatoes and green-meat for stock. There are

Two Fields Under Grass,

each 2½ acres. One is to meadow and one to graze alternately; and the cow, pony, pigs, and poultry have a run over the whole, except when the meadow is preserved for mowing. This place is to clear £150 a year net, allowing for all ordinary losses and drawbacks. A plan of the farm is

A MODEL SMALL FARM.

given in the sketch. The aim is to supply dainty salads fresh from the garden every morning, to the shops and hotels in

St. Leonards and Hastings,

the year round, but more especially in spring and summer. The new-laid eggs and the table gooseberries are also to be made specialities of, and are to go to the same customers. Salads—mustard and cress, land cress, lettuces, radishes, small cucumbers and nasturtium leaves are to be systematically grown. They are to be made up in 1d., 3d., and 6d. punnets and baskets, prices varying according to the season.

The Gooseberries,

too, are to be grown big—there is a way to do that, and I will refer to it presently. A punnet of fine large yellow, white, or red-skinned gooseberries for 4d. will tempt many a one to take home for dessert. If the shops get them at 3d. and make 1d. profit, that should be good enough for them. If the boy has to force things a bit, and takes his stand for an hour or two opposite the shops in turn, they will soon see the sense of dealing with him. But that is an extreme plan. I once did it in Brighton and made it succeed. It is arranged that one of the lady owners will work the garden, the crops and fruit, and attend to the market, and that the other will see to the house-work, the fowls, and the live stock.

Big Gooseberries,

It is as easy to grow big gooseberries as small ones. Young trees are necessary to do this, and they must never be over-cropped; they need new, rich soil to grow in; they must come from gooseberry land; and they must be of the right sorts. I had six right sorts last summer—young trees planted the previous March that fruited splendidly—not a berry smaller than full size, and many of them as big as pigeons' eggs. The sorts were Lancashire Lad, Crown Bob, Whitesmith, Glenton Green, Champagne, and the newer Gunner. The good old sort, Warrington, and the newer good one, Whinham's Industry, are too small for this work.

The Best Dairy Cow.

The best, for a one-cow place, I mean. "Jerry" asks as to the sire to employ for a Shorthorn cow to breed him a likely milker. Such a set has been made against the Jerseys of late that I feel much inclined to kick about it. The Jersey was beaten at the late Dairy Show by a Shorthorn, and that has set the "professors" a-plunging. Aye, and the both of them, as Pat says, were beaten by a cross-bred cow after all! I take it that "Jerry's" cow is only a common farmer's

A DAIRY JERSEY BULL.

Shorthorn—plenty of type, etc., but no pedigree. She will cross well with the Jersey. She will bring a big bulky calf, despite the size of the sire, because it is the rule of the offspring to take after the dam for size and frame. She will bring an extra good milker both for quality and quantity. Whether it will rival the Dairy Show cross-bred Jersey Shorthorn, which gave 2 lb. 13 oz. of butter at one milking, I doubt; but her offspring again, if bred to the Shorthorn of a known milking strain, will be quite capable of doing that. The animal in my sketch is from a noted butter and milk breed of Jerseys, and there are plenty of such to be heard of on inquiry.

Asparagus.

There is no reason, replying to "Farm Hand," why asparagus should not be much more commonly grown and used. It is a dainty, and it is also a profitable and easily cultivated subject. It grows wild on the salt marshes on the coast. I have found grass and spinach frequently, and have partaken of many dainty dishes of both on the south coast in spring and early summer. Sea spinach is a rare delicacy, and yet I have seen whole droves of well-dressed and apparently intelligent and educated people passing it by and trampling it underfoot, as if they could not believe it possible that that deep-green sorrel-like plant could be spinach! If "Farm Hand," or any other reader who wishes to grow asparagus for profit, will select some deep loamy soil, dig it out into beds, get some bold three-year-old crowns, and plant them deeply, well enrich them above and below with good manure, top-dress with salt when growth starts, and generally attend to them, he will be able to make a better thing out of an acre than he will on the best ten acres of his farm by ordinary cropping. Asparagus, rhubarb, seakale, mushrooms, gooseberries, currants,

A THREE-YEAR-OLD CROWN OF ASPARAGUS.

apples, and plums are all things it is scarcely possible to overplant. The great point is getting suitable land, and putting suitable crops upon it.

In Town for the Cattle Show.

A host of rural readers of *The Penny Illustrated* will next week find themselves at the Smithfield Club's big Cattle Show, which has grown more interesting than ever to Dairy Farmers since prizes have, through the influence of Sir Walter Gilbey, been awarded for table poultry. The lucid instructions of that poultry expert, Mr. Charles E. Brooke, of the London Central Market, reprinted in the *P.I.P.* for Nov. 27, will doubtless have enabled many of our subscribers to carry off prizes in this useful competition. From the letters I receive I know the *P.I.P.* is read all the world over—not only in out-of-the-way villages and hamlets in Great Britain and Ireland hitherto unknown by name to me, but from "Greenland's icy mountains to India's coral strand"; from Victoria, Vancouver Island, to Cairo (whence Tommy Atkins addressed me a floricultural query, which I had especial pleasure in answering); from the Scilly Isles to far-away New Zealand; and this week even from the charming Riviera port of Nice a friendly epistle reaches me, reply to which must be postponed till my next.

£60 Cottage.

"Constant Reader."—Yes; it is of corrugated iron and wood. The size of the rooms and the number of them would of course depend on the price you go to. For £60, as I stated, you could build a four-roomed cottage with a kitchen.

Separating Milk.

"A. B. C."—I cannot give it in two or three lines. You must use a thermometer. Of course, to find the proper heat. A mechanical "separator" would suit you, perhaps.

Commencing Farming.

"W. H."—Consult the *Medium* of the Small Farms Agency; publisher's address, 2, Berrylands Road, Surbiton, Surrey.

Does It Pay to Keep Pigs?

"F. S. Wright."—I have been answering this and your other questions for six years now (weekly almost) in this column. See next week's Notes on these subjects.

Calf Meal: Advice about Farming in America.

"E. W. S."—I cannot give a formula, but linseed-meal and ground spices, with cheapening meals to give bulk, are the ingredients. No, I cannot suggest.

County Council Bye-Laws.

"A. Boddy."—It is an idiotic measure. Here is a man, a working shoemaker, who has been for years saving up money, and who has succeeded in buying up a bit of land, and who, now that he is ready to build a substantial wood and iron cottage, is pulled up short by the County Council's surveyor. He must not have a house "on wheels," and what he builds must be of the value of £100, and it must be brick or stone! He says, if allowed to build as he pleases, he could put up his cottage very cheaply, as he could do all the work himself. I quite believe that. I sympathise most heartily, and advise him to apply to the County Council direct, and I shall be glad to hear their reply. I presume "A. Boddy" and his fellow parishioners have votes!

A Wet Poultry-Run.

"Brinscall."—Your subsoil is clay. I know the part well. A coat of ballast will do much good. By your sketch and measurements I should say you might keep twelve to twenty hens very well.

Profitable Plan to Work 5½ Acres.

"A Constant Reader."—You say no cows. By your sketch, and by what I know of the soil of East Kent, I should advise that you work up to bush-fruit and strawberries gradually—meantime starting with pigs and ducks. You could work up five acres of fruit in time, sending it to Grant's or some other factory if you have no other market.

Keeping Pigeons.

"J. Coates."—The best food is small peas, with wheat and broken maize for a change. The working homer is the flyer; the Antwerp Carrier is much used for flying-matches. You should get the "Sunlight Year-Book"; that tells about pigeons.

"Knowledge."—They will leave off breeding soon, no doubt; if not it will not matter, only that the young will be difficult to rear.

Plymouth Rocks.

"Novice."—Advertise in the *Medium* or the *Bazaar*.

List of Small Farms to Let.

"H. J."—See reply to "W. H.," above, and try Kent, Essex, or Sussex. You will find those counties much warmer than Lancashire. I think you can get back numbers of the *P.I.P.* Write to the publisher.

Intensive Culture and Wheat-Growing.

"S. M."—I am greatly obliged for your thoughtful letter, and, as you will read in this column, I am seldom or never off that subject. I do believe that it is possible to grow at least an additional fifty million quarters of corn in this country. Have you noticed the movement of the Small Farms Agency? That is the way it will be brought about: a course of the "help thyself" method! Sir A. Cotton's plan may not suit your tenants if the subsoil they are farming on is clay or rock, but if it be at all tillable they should try it. Sorry my space is so limited.

To Find a Cottage.

"G. P."—That is what a great number want. With your pension and the sale of your little business (which I do not advise unless you can stand hard work) you ought to be able to start fairly well in pig-keeping and vegetable-growing. If you get a small place near a seaside town you will do better than you will near London.

A "Rural" Club.

As a special Christmas tip to give my readers, I have the pleasure of telling them of a new departure that will greatly benefit those of them who join in it. This is a club, by joining which they can get analyses of soils, V.S. reports on cases of deaths of animals and fowls, expert opinions on cultivating technicalities, buildings, and tenants' fixtures, and legal advice on leases, deeds, warranties, and pedigrees, and many other helpful matters, at nominal rates, and in some cases gratis. For fuller particulars, see the *Medium*, referred to in reply to "W. H.," above.

N.B.—The writer of "Rural Life" will be pleased to reply to correspondence sent to him through the Editor of *The Penny Illustrated Paper*, 10, Milford Lane, Strand, London. Country readers should order their copies in advance of the nearest Newsagent, or at the Office.

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For the Oil Picture,
"GOING WEST—EVENING."
After HENRY GARLAND.
(Size 34 in. by 19 in.)
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The Penny Illustrated Paper. Coupon No. 9.
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"RETURNING FROM THE CHASE."
After J. S. NOBLE,
Exhibitor Royal Society of British Artists.
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HOW THE WORLD WAGS.

THE QUEEN, accompanied by Princess Henry of Battenberg, drove to Bagshot Park last Monday and lunched with the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and returned at five o'clock. In the evening, the Duke of Cambridge and Princess Christian dined with Her Majesty.

The Princess of Wales's Birthday was, on Wednesday, kept at Sandringham in the usual kindly way, as regards hospitable gifts and entertainments to the tenants. A small family party was invited by the Prince and Princess to their Norfolk home to celebrate the happy occasion.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Worshipful Grand Master of the Masonic Brotherhood, has given a wonderful impetus to Freemasonry in this country; and has thereby been greatly instrumental in increasing the funds of some of the noblest benevolent institutions in the land, for it is well known that Charity goes hand in hand with Goodfellowship in Masonry, as it does with the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows and similar philanthropic societies. Tuesday and Wednesday last saw the Prince again nominated Grand Master of Mark Masons and Worshipful Grand Master of Masons; and, with H.R.H.'s

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES IN MASONIC REGALIA.

approval, Thursday was set apart for a great commemorative Masonic service in St. Paul's Cathedral. On Dec. 2, 1697, a little more than twenty-two years after the first stone was laid, St. Paul's—that is, the splendid edifice of to-day—was opened for divine service, although as a matter of fact the entire Cathedral was not completed until 1710. All the ceremonial connected with the laying of the stone, the opening, and the completion was conducted under the strictest rules of Masonry, the architect, Sir Christopher Wren, and his Lodge of Freemasons being the moving spirits. On Thursday of this week, at the special Bi-Centenary service, the same trowel and mallet (used and preserved in the Lodge of Antiquities) as were employed by Sir Christopher were brought into requisition. The celebration was indescribably imposing and impressive, and the function will undoubtedly make memorable the two hundredth year of the present Cathedral's existence. There is a grim halo of antiquity hanging over the vast

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL BEFORE THE GREAT FIRE.

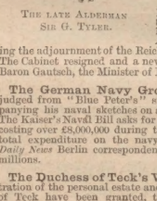
structure if we go back into the history of the predecessors which have occupied its site. In the early days of the Roman Conquest the Roman General Petronius is said to have raised a temple here to Diana, Petronius himself being of an Ephesian family. After the departure of the Romans to defend the Mother Country this temple fell into decay. Its ruins were pulled down in 610, and a church raised to St. Paul. This was the Cathedral on which the eyes of William the Conqueror rested. He sneered, it is said, at this feeble attempt to imitate the great Continental temples, so that when just before his death, and while fighting in France, he heard that the sacred edifice had been burnt down, he remarked that it was a good thing, and that he had had a mind to burn it down himself in order to build something more worthy of his capital. This being repeated to William Rufus, the latter raised a special tax to carry out his father's wishes, and a building was erected which became the wonder of the land. It was 690 ft. in length, 130 ft. in breadth, and its central tower was 520 ft. high—just 116 ft. higher than the present one, which, to those who gaze upwards at the cross shining in the sun, seems incredible. Old St. Paul's, as we now call it, was a sumptuous and splendid place of worship till despoiled of its riches, its jewels, and plate, by Henry VIII. Later on came the fire of 1666, and the Cathedral, grand and awful in its death, according to contemporaneous chroniclers, passed away to give Sir Christopher his chance. The Prince of Wales naturally took the deepest interest in Thursday's proceedings. The Heir-Apparent is always thoroughly at home when leading the craft, and not a Mason in the country but is proud to recognise His Royal Highness's intimate association with the vast brotherhood. The mosaic decoration of a panel, under the direction of Sir W. B. Richmond, the expense of which will be defrayed by the Freemasons, will identify the craft with the Cathedral for all time.

The Late Countess of Lathom, whose death from a carriage accident is widely regretted, was one of the three daughters of the fourth Earl of Clarendon, the statesman and diplomatist. Her sisters are now the Countess of Derby and Lady Ampthill. Lady Alice married, in 1860, Lord Skelmersdale (now Lord Lathom, the Pro-Grand Master of English Masons, and the intimate friend and representative of the Prince of Wales). At a Court ball, or among poor children, at a great Primrose gathering or at a charity bazaar, her presence made itself of value and influence, stimulating gaiety and charity and good work. A deep grief has fallen on Lancashire, where Lady Lathom was beloved, and another great shock has been experienced by the Queen, who had known her from childhood. The Countess leaves three sons and four daughters. Her eldest son, Lord Skelmersdale, born in October 1864, is a Major in the Royal Horse Guards, and married, in 1889, Lady Wilma Pleydell Bouverie, daughter of the Earl of Radnor. Lady Florence Mary, her second daughter, married the Rev. Lord Rupert Cecil, second son of the Marquis of Salisbury. Lord Lathom is the Lord Chamberlain for the second or third time, and commands the deepest sympathy of the public.

THE LATE LADY LATHOM.

The Indian Frontier Warfare is not yet at an end, but representatives of the three principal Afridi tribes entered the British defences on Saturday and promised to surrender. Yet the guard of the Sapper lines outside Peshawar was attacked on Sunday night, and, before the raiders were driven off, one Sepoy was killed and another wounded. In the disturbed districts in the mountains the tribes continue to come in and give up their rifles. During the advance to Datoi last week the following casualties occurred: Lieutenant Jones, Yorkshire Regiment, killed; Lieutenant Watson, Yorkshire Regiment, dangerously wounded; four privates King's Own Scottish Borderers, and one private of the Yorkshire wounded. In the retirement Captain Venour, 5th Punjab Infantry, was wounded; two men of the 36th Sikhs were killed and twelve wounded, and two privates of the Scottish Borderers were wounded.

The Death of Sir George Tyler, Alderman of the Ward of Queenhithe, who filled the office of Lord Mayor of London four years ago, is announced. It was during his Mayoralty that the Tower Bridge was opened. A genial City merchant, held in high respect, Sir George Tyler was a compact rather than a fluent speaker, holding brevity to be the soul of wit. A man of shrewd common-sense, he will be greatly missed in the Corporation. It is thought likely that Mr. Sheriff Dewar will become his successor as Alderman for the Ward of Queenhithe.



THE LATE ALDERMAN SIR G. TYLER.

The Emperor Francis Joseph on Sunday last addressed a letter to Count Badeni, the Austrian Premier, decreeing the adjournment of the Reichsrath until further orders. The Cabinet resigned and a new one was to be formed by Baron Gautsch, the Minister of Instruction.

The German Navy Grows Apace—as may be judged from "Blue Peter's" significant remarks accompanying his naval sketches on another page of the *P.I.P.* The Kaiser's Naval Bill asks for the building of new vessels costing over £8,000,000 during the next seven years. The total expenditure on the navy for the same period the *Daily News* Berlin correspondent estimates at twenty-five millions.

The Duchess of Teck's Will.—Letters of administration of the personal estate and effects of the late Duchess of Teck have been granted, the value being sworn at

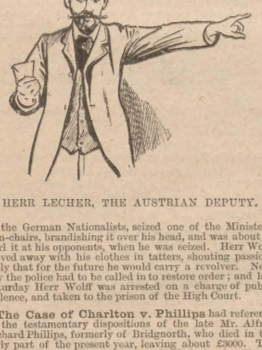
STAFFORDSHIRE FARMER'S DIVORCE.

£35,471 gross. But little, if any, of this goes to the Duke, the bulk of it being tied up to H.R.H.'s family.

The Dreyfus Scandal is still the talk of Paris, and has, therefore, to be commented on afresh. Captain Dreyfus, a Jew by birth, was a native of Alsace, and when that province was annexed to Germany, its industrial wealth was in the hands of the Jews and Protestants. All the Jews, and some of the Protestants, in order to keep the French and German markets, decided that in families where there were two sons, one was to elect to be of French nationality, and the other of German. Mathieu Dreyfus, a cotton-weaver, was of German extraction, and in the way indicated young Dreyfus came to be "French." A first cousin was sent to be an officer in the German army. The two corresponded, and when Dreyfus rose to be captain of artillery in the French army, and be employed in the War Office, he left his cousin's letters sometimes on his desk. When important papers were supposed to have been communicated to Germany these facts turned suspicion on Dreyfus. The main foundation for the charge was an unsigned and undated memorandum, from which it appeared that confidential military documents had been supplied to an agent of Germany. On Oct. 15, 1894, Captain Dreyfus, summoned to the War Office, was arrested. Dreyfus's Jewish birth made him obnoxious to the anti-Semites, and by a secret court-martial he was convicted and sent to the Ile du Diable under the most careful guard, where he still remains. On Monday last the Paris *Figaro* printed a facsimile of letters alleged to have been written by Count Esterhazy. According to the *Echo de Paris*, Count Esterhazy, on the advice of his counsel, M. Tezenas, has decided to send no explanation to the Press. "I can affirm," said the journal's informant, "that Count Esterhazy is the victim of a horrible revenge, in which the widow of an ex-officer of high rank is implicated. This woman is said to have sold the letters in her possession to the Dreyfus Syndicate for £7,000. Then the laboratory work began. Two days hence the name of this lady will, perhaps, be known, and many things which appear to be obscure will be explained." Our lively daily contemporary, the *Morning Leader*, on Monday last gave a sketch of poor Captain Dreyfus in his cage in the Ile du Diable.

COUNT ESTERHAZY.

Disgraceful Riots in the Austrian Parliament.—Herr Lecher, whose language in the Austrian Reichsrath first aroused the scenes of riot, has been the cause of most discreditable disturbances between the German and Czech parties. One day there was a rush made for the table. One humorist took the chair, another (Herr Wolff) seized the Speaker's bell and rang it with great dexterity and emphasis. Herr Potacell wrenched the bell away by main force, and successive rushes were made upon Herr Wolff, and a hand-to-hand scuffle, lasting a quarter of an hour, ensued. Herr Schönerer, the leader



HERR LECHER, THE AUSTRIAN DEPUTY.

of the German Nationalists, seized one of the Minister's arm-chairs, brandishing it over his head, and was about to hurl it at his opponents, when he was seized. Herr Wolff moved away with his clothes in tatters, shouting passionately that for the future he would carry a revolver. Next day the police had to be called in to restore order; and last Saturday Herr Wolff was arrested on a charge of public violence, and taken to the prison of the High Court.

The Case of Charlton v. Phillips had reference to the testamentary dispositions of the late Mr. Alfred Richard Phillips, formerly of Bridgnorth, who died in the early part of the present year, leaving about £3000. The plaintiff, Mrs. Emily Charlton, of Rhyl, in the Strand Courts of Justice claimed probate of a will dated Jan. 21, 1897. Probate was opposed by several relatives of the deceased, on the ground chiefly that he was of unsound mind at the time the will was executed, due, it was alleged, to excessive drinking. It was stated that the plaintiff, a widow, in January 1895 became manageress of the Swan Hotel, Bridgnorth. While there she became acquainted with the testator, whom she nursed in an illness. Sir Francis Jeune, in directing the jury, said the crucial point in the case was whether the deceased had a special delusion in his mind with regard to his relations, and whether it amounted to an insane delusion. The jury found that the will was duly executed, and that the deceased was of sound mind at the time. Sir Francis Jeune pronounced for the will, the costs to follow the event.

An Unfortunate Staffordshire Marriage brought a young farmer and his wife, Alfred Edward and Emma Griffin, to the London Divorce Court in company with a co-respondent named Bradley. There they were sketched by a *P.I.P.* Artist. The wife was accused of gross misconduct with Bradley. The respondent answered, denying the charge, and counter-charged her husband with cruelty, which he, in turn, denied. Mr. Pritchard, in opening petitioner's case, said the parties were married in 1895. Respondent was still under age, while petitioner only came of age in September last. The respondent was formerly a servant in the employ of petitioner's father, who lived at Witmore, North Staffs. After she had been there some months this marriage was contracted. At the end of six months, respondent took to staying out late at night. On one occasion she stayed out all night, and on another was away three days and a night. Petitioner complained to her about it, whereupon she used bad language. In December 1896, petitioner went to a sale, and on returning found his wife in a hayloft with the co-respondent in suspicious circumstances. Later, the husband accidentally witnessed misconduct, and accordingly ceased cohabitation. She subsequently asked forgiveness, and begged to be taken back, but petitioner declined. The co-respondent was called, and admitted the misconduct. His Lordship granted petitioner a decree *nisi* and the custody of the child.

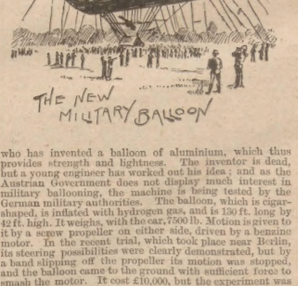
The Cruikshank Frauds on Titled People. At the Old Bailey last week James Henry Irvine Cruikshank, forty-three, was sentenced to eight years penal servitude for obtaining considerable sums of money from ladies of title and other persons with intent to defraud, and also for having, as an undischarged bankrupt, unlawfully obtained credit. He had country seats at Reading and Rye, and in London frequented the best hotels. For the past five years it was said he had been living by swindling.

E. Needham, Captain of the Sheffield United, is just now very deservedly popular in football circles. Sheffield United last week held an unbeaten record, but they have had to lower their colours to the Corinthians in the match on Saturday last at West Kensington. So far as concerns the League championship they are still unbeaten, and they stand at the head of the list, one point in advance of Aston Villa. Aston Villa, however, have played fifteen matches, while the United have only played thirteen. Aston Villa count nine wins against Sheffield's eight, but four defeats to Sheffield's nil. Sheffield have played five drawn games, and Aston Villa only two, so that Sheffield stand with twenty-one points to Aston Villa's twenty, although it will be readily seen by anyone conversant with the way in which the points are calculated that Sheffield is really a good way in front of Aston Villa team. The latter seem to have got into a good deal of trouble over the case of George, who when a registered professional for Trowbridge, was allowed to play for the Villa against West Bromwich. Aston Villa have been censured and fined £50.

E. NEEDHAM (Sheffield United).

Mr. Fred T. Jane's New Polyglot Naval Handbook, the most comprehensive and most serviceable yet projected, promises to be one of the greatest bookselling successes of the eminent firm of Sampson Low and Marston, Fetter Lane, E.C., to whom all orders for copies should be addressed. Abundantly illustrated by *P.I.P.*'s trusty "Blue Peter," this remarkably comprehensive volume will be out before Christmas, and is certain to make a great stir in naval circles all the world over. Mr. Jane's serviceable new work—his zealous devotion to which has well-nigh prostrated this clever artist and writer—bids fair to be the Naval Annual of Great Britain.

The Problem of Obtaining a Balloon which can be steered is one that has long occupied the closest attention of aeronauts and inventors. It is now stated that it has been solved by Herr Schwarz, an Austrian,



who has invented a balloon of aluminium, which thus provides strength and lightness. The inventor is dead, but a young engineer has worked out his idea; and as the Austrian Government does not display much interest in military ballooning, the machine is being tested by the German military authorities. The balloon, which is cigar-shaped, is inflated with hydrogen gas, and is 130 ft. long by 42 ft. high. It weighs, with the car, 7560 lb. Motion is given to it by a screw propeller on either side, driven by a benzine motor. In the recent trial, which took place near Berlin, its steering possibilities were clearly demonstrated, but by a hand slipping off the propeller its motion was stopped, and the balloon came to the ground with sufficient force to smash the motor. It cost £10,000, but the experiment was so satisfactory that it is to be repeated.

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THE RACING WORLD.

So far as pleasure in the entertainment went, the Racing World could have well dispensed with the greater part of last week's performances. One cannot derive much amusement from watching a fog instead of looking at horses. The first was pretty nearly all to be done

At Warwick,

at any rate for two days.

Golden Rule, who won the most important race of the meeting—the Midland Counties Handicap—was reported sure not to start, in consequence of poor Lady Lathom's shocking death. The best course possible was that taken—namely, to send the horse to fulfil his engagement in the name and colours of Sir Horace Farquhar. Thanks to this arrangement,

Sam Loates had a Winning Mount,

as he just beat Angelina, with the Yankee jockey, Sloan, up. Sam had a good week—so good that he almost threatened to jeopardise Morny Cannon's position as leader among winning jockeys. But though Sam went on with his good luck

At Manchester, Morny Cannon

scored so as to land by a margin of nine wins. A week or two earlier Morny held a lead of twenty-two, and seemed quite safe, but when pitted against rivals able to go to scale much lighter, the finest jockey may be greatly pegged back in a short time, as the lesser weights have so many more mounts. Neither Cannon nor Loates was much good in the last big contest of the flat-racing season, the

Manchester November Handicap.

The former was on St. Bris, the favourite, and Loates on the third choice, Count Schomberg. The Count went well for a mile; then the batter-pudding condition of the course settled him. St. Bris stayed a good deal farther, and within a quarter of a mile from home it was even money on his winning. After that he shut up, and quite declined to struggle, leaving the

Lightly Treated Asterie with a Nice Lead,

which she maintained to the end, well ridden by W. Nightingall's apprentice, Chapman. The Epsom apprentice ought to get plenty of riding next season after this good show.

Don Alonzo was Beaten by a Head from Keenan

out of second place, so the two American competitors would have been first and second but for Asterie. The Don ran honestly all the way. Sloan had not much to complain of with Keenan; but the horse, who was

Sold to Lord William Beresford

near the end of the week, dwelt a bit towards the end of a mile. He ran his race in snatches; but I cannot help thinking that if the Yankee jockey had kept a little nearer the leaders he might have been handier at last.

This Celebrity

fairly took the Manchester crowd by storm. A hard-headed lot they are, and reading about the small artists, "declared on," with result that they landed good stakes at the meeting.

Mr. Tod

was made a tremendous lot of at last. The populace waited to see him off, and, crowding round his cab, cheered and cheered most lustily. His was really a fine performance to wind up with, a worthy finish to a brilliant career, as he won in four races out of five, and that brought his return up to twenty wins for fifty-eight mounts during his visit. Whatever may be the merit of his manner of sitting on a horse, there is no question that in letting his mounts come along he sets most of our jockeys a good example.

He began on Saturday by getting Manxman home an easy winner of the Farewell Welter; he steered Le Javelot, who carried off the Stand Plate with plenty in hand, and next came in first on Martha IV. for a selling race. In the race before that he had no mount, was second in the November Handicap on Keenan, and wound up with a run-away win on Bavchw Castle. Truly this was a fine afternoon's work!

The little man's manners are much liked. He talks shrewd common-sense, and he has made himself popular all round.

Sloan

is due to fulfil engagements in America next February, but I expect he will be over here about the time we start flat-racing at Lincoln. America would be proud, indeed, of him if he managed to head our list of winning jockeys. He would be sure to get more mounts than any of our men, for we have no one anything like so good at the weight; he is able to ride at 6 st. 10 lb.

We made a poor start with the so-called regular

Steeplechase Season.

Newmarket's first day was not the sort one cares to face, unless the inducement be very great, which it was not in this instance.

BENDIGO.

"P.I.P." SNAP-SHOTS AT THE MANCHESTER MEETING.

TATTERSALL'S. THE COUNTY AND STEWARDS' STANDS AND RINGS.

MANCHESTER NOVEMBER HANDICAP: WATCHING THE PARADE FOR THE BIG RACE FROM THE STEWARDS' STAND.

THE PENNY LAWYER.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E. J. A.—No. But you might probably get a divorce.

SUBSCRIBER (H. D.).—By advertisement and by deed poll enrolled in Chancery. You should consult a solicitor.

M. N.—We cannot undertake to recommend any particular building society.

PUSS (Sheerness).—Not liable. J. S. L.—This depends upon the terms of the deed creating the annuity.

EGYPT.—It is statute-barred.

ROBIN.—Your son, if under age, can bring an action by you as his next friend, provided he was thrown off by violence, and did not merely descend at the request of the person in charge.

MANCHESTER MAN.—Always glad to hear *The Penny Illustrated* is found of service and interesting, but regret to learn you still find it difficult to procure the *P.I.P.* some weeks. Owing to the extraordinary demand for this Paper, many newsagents sell out directly. Best ways is to order it to be sent to you regularly every Friday morning.

GRATEFUL.—You appear to have been negligent, and if so, you are liable to compensate your master if he were liable to the person whose property was injured.

COOPER.—(1, 2, and 3) Yes. NEWTON.—Claim from both.

SUBSCRIBER (S. A. L.).—There is no statutory objection to such advertisements. But any person who suffered serious real damage from misrepresentation might recover compensation.

FAIRPLAY.—This depends entirely upon the terms of the original will. If the money were the wife's separate property she has probably a claim against her husband. If the matter remains in abeyance for more than six years from receipt the money becomes part of his estate.

G. H.—No. POSTMAN.—Apply to the National Footpath Preservation Society, 42, Essex Street, Strand, London.

C. W.—(1) Yes. (2) Yes, if the annual value does not exceed £50. (3) Sue unless payment made and possession given on written demand.

REX.—You must fence in your own cattle or run the risk.

M. C. P.—The farmer can shoot hares and rabbits.

DOUBTFUL.—In an English Court of Law the Judge can commit a defendant for neglect to comply with an order for payment of debt if plaintiff can prove that the defendant has means.

J. HUDSON.—He must give up the card and books, and in default of obtaining same your mother can sue.

LONG-STANDING READER (J. B. E.).—If you had no written warranty with the bicycle and there was no fraud, of which we can find no evidence, you must keep the machine and pay the price.

W. O. KING.—We cannot say whether you can obtain a return of your deposit, as that would depend on the terms of the contract. You had better consult a solicitor, as this is a complicated matter and involves too large an amount to be decided by answers here.

WILTSHIRE.—You can change or add to your name by deed poll or advertisement.

TOD.—You are liable to pay damages if the parents can prove that you knew the dog was vicious.

LEX.

THE DROUET INSTITUTE.

Deafness Cured in London.

The sciences of observation, at their dawn, started with the study of effects which they simply noted without any understanding thereof. It was only with Galileo, Pascal, Lavoisier, that there began to partially open the hitherto impenetrable veil which hid from learned men the mechanism that the universe obeys.

Imagination had dealt with innumerable fluids, forces, and systems, in order to explain the least phenomenon of our terrestrial globe.

At the present day it is perfectly known that everything lives and proceeds, is born and dies, is produced and falls to pieces, by virtue of simple movements caused by the very essence of matter, and transmitted through it by means of its inner vibrations.

In organic life, with man as with animals, all phenomena take their rise from the same causes and obey the same laws as those of inorganic life. The man of science discovers and explains, and when his discoveries and explanations have given him knowledge of the real nature of things he can never do aught but what is true, exact, and certain, and the truths acquired in medicine will remain an acquisition till the end of time, while fantastic systems and doctrinaire ideas grafted on preconceived theories will disappear.

It is thus by the faithful and scrupulous observation of natural laws, by analysis, by the study of the direct causes of disease, that the Drouet Institute, which has its seats in Paris and at Brussels, has especially made itself known to the world, and the cures of maladies hitherto held to be without remedy, positively prove that its therapeutic system is founded on the soundest scientific truths. We are, let us suppose, at the opening of the year 1888. Deafness, as well as chronic diseases of the nose and the throat, being at that time considered incurable, practitioners invariably advised always dangerous surgical operations, or, for deafness, the use of acoustic instruments, which, if they sometimes rendered some service, were not less inconvenient, and in nowise modified the pathological condition of the patient whose sense of hearing was diminished or extinct. At that time Dr. Drouet, now deceased, observed that his predecessors—learned as they were—had neglected to act upon the organs of hearing otherwise than by the bistoury, and (which was a notable scientific mistake) took little account of the constitution or predisposing condition of the patient. Thenceforward this modest savant began a long series of studies, completed by numerous experiments which it would be tedious to enumerate here; and it is thus that the late Dr. Drouet at last reached this double result of exercising directly on the organs of hearing by an external remedy, an action at once counter-irritant and stimulating, without suffering to the patient, without even causing irritation to the skin—such is the happy action of the Anti-catarrhal Paper bearing Drouet's name. Next he created a parallel treatment, essentially variable like the disease itself, capable of modifying the condition of the organisation—whatever it may be—in such wise that all relapse is avoided, and thus the cure becomes complete and lasting. Gifted with a marvellous understanding, and a man of profound acquirements—with a soul at once exalted and independent, belonging to no school—Dr. Drouet, with good reason, held that medicine, sanctioned by experience and high practice, was alone capable of affording fertile results. It was, moreover, this doctrine—one which it was needful to make known to patients, and on which one cannot too strongly insist—which inspired also his successors in the creation of their various modes of treatment.

One cannot be surprised, after this preface, that since the creation in England of a medical establishment where Drouet's method is applied the number of patients is already so considerable. It is in the quietude of Regent's Park that the English branch in London of the Drouet Institute was started more than two years ago. This space of time has sufficed to enrich its Golden Register with the names of numerous patients who will owe it to their cure, seeing that they now have the happiness of being able to hear—a sense of which they had perhaps for long years been deprived.

The limited space of this article does not allow us to enumerate at length so many cures attained; some few cases, the most interesting among the realised cures, will doubtless suffice to persuade and to convince, and our readers will find them below.

DR. DROUET.

THE EAR, THE NOSE, THE THROAT.

The throat, the nose, and the ear having intimate relations with each other, an inflammation which attacks one of these organs has always a tendency to reach its neighbour. It is in consequence of having neglected some cold in the head, some mild loss of voice, that many patients are now the victims of deafness.

"Almost instantly," writes Mr. J. Slann, of Tunbridge Wells, "I experienced the good effect of your wonderful remedies. When I began the treatment which you kindly prescribed me by means of your patients' reports, I soon observed a marked diminution of the heavy feeling in the head, my ideas were clearer, and I no longer suffered from the congestion; the hearing also improved in a sudden way. As you know, my ears have been affected for a number of years, and the result which I have found from your treatment is almost beyond belief. Those around me are astonished at it. I am acquainted with many persons who previously felt hesitation as to applying to you who are now proposing to write to you, and, like myself, to enter by correspondence on consultation free of charge."

Miss Rose Jones, of Bristol, had been completely deaf for six years. The character of her illness was most serious, for, independently of the destruction of the sense of hearing, the patient felt incessant humming noises and continuous pains in the ears. Dreadful headaches attacked her on rising in the morning, and her throat was the seat of inflammation, which is explained by the fact that Miss Jones suffered from chronic laryngitis before being attacked by deafness.

We here give what the patient wrote after thirty days' treatment—

"Dunham, Bristol.

"I am happy to tell you that the great improvement due to your treatment is not only maintained, but is also becoming more marked every day, to such a degree that I consider myself now entirely cured. My throat is absolutely well, as also my voice, and this although for three years no treatment had been able to give me clearness of voice. My hearing is likewise much more distinct, and I can now hear, from one room to another, conversation and noises, so that I am really delighted with the success of your treatment."

By a letter dated a few days ago Miss Rose Jones confirms this result—

"I regret not being able to send you, as a souvenir of gratitude, my photographic portrait. I cannot describe to you the relief which I feel. I really used to think that all my troubles would end in making me lose my reason. I have, therefore, been not a little surprised to find so great a change in my condition after a treatment of only thirty days. In conclusion, I feel quite another girl, not to say the happiest of my sex!"

Mr. James Fisher, Consular Agent of a Southern Power, has been suffering since 1890 from a slight deafness, by which he had not been alarmed. Influenza laid him low in 1893, and, in spite of the care which the patient took, this illness did not leave him without mischief, for, after being cured of influenza, he found himself entirely deaf. A treatment lasting thirty days restored his hearing, and he expresses his gratitude in these feeling terms: "There is no longer any doubt, after a brief treatment at the Drouet Institute, that my hearing is greatly improved, and I shall certainly inform you of its complete restoration when the fine weather comes. Do not let me be without your valuable advice."

A DEAF MAN CURED IN FIFTY DAYS.

John P. Cameron, Glenrose, Millbrook, Jersey, Aug. 13, 1897, writes—

"Sir,—I feel it to be my duty, both to humanity and in gratitude to yourselves, to bear testimony to the efficacy of your treatment of my deafness in my right ear, involving possibly even greater skill on your part than deafness in both ears. My complaint had affected me in childhood, but had disappeared until 1895 (in my fifty-first year), when I had the good fortune to meet with your address. Before consulting you, my deafness was complete and stubborn. On Aug. 25 of that year I commenced your treatment by correspondence only, and by the second week in October—less than two months afterwards—my hearing was perfectly restored, for, and have had no relapse whatever. I may add that the remedies employed were in no way inconvenient or painful, but, on the contrary, most relieving and curative from their first application, and fees also were very reasonable.

"I can safely recommend the Drouet Institute and their branch establishments to all afflicted with ear diseases, and will be happy on publication of the above, to answer any inquiries that may be forwarded to my address. With many thanks and good wishes for the success of your scientific Institute."

These affecting testimonials are taken from the last edition of

DROUET'S NEWSPAPER FOR THE DEAF,

which already contains a great number of testimonials from English patients treated and cured by the system of the Drouet Institute. This newspaper contains, besides testimonials published on the Continent, through its French edition, "Le Journal de la Surdité," in order to show the excellence of a curative method which does not cease to afford the most brilliant proof of its value.

It has not yet been stated that these marvellous cures have been attained by correspondence, by means of the "Pathological Patients' Report," which the late Dr. Drouet established at the end of his career, and it is not one of his least titles to fame that he furnished patients far removed from his country's capital with the simple, practical, and certain means of receiving assiduous and efficient care by correspondence, and absolutely WITHOUT CHARGE for the same.

It is also WITHOUT CHARGE that "Drouet's Newspaper for the Deaf" will be sent to every person who writes for it to the Manager,

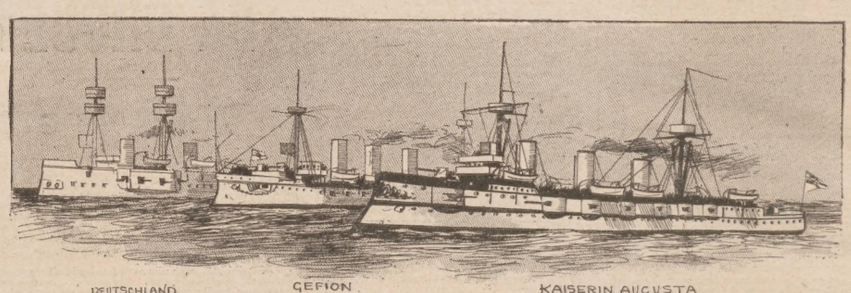
72, Regent's Park Road, London, N.W.

The reading of this medical organ—which makes a study of all the systems applied to the cure of deafness and of diseases of the throat and nose—is of the most edifying kind; and the numerous cures which are there narrated are the indisputable proof of the superiority of Drouet's method over the other systems extolled in the scientific world.

THE DROUET INSTITUTE,

72, REGENT'S PARK ROAD, LONDON, N.W.

PRINCE HENRY OF PRUSSIA.
COMMANDING THE GERMAN FLEET SENT TO CHINA.



DEUTSCHLAND GEFION KAISERIN AUGUSTA

GERMAN WAR-SHIPS BOUND FOR THE CHINESE PORT THE GERMAN FLEET SEIZED.

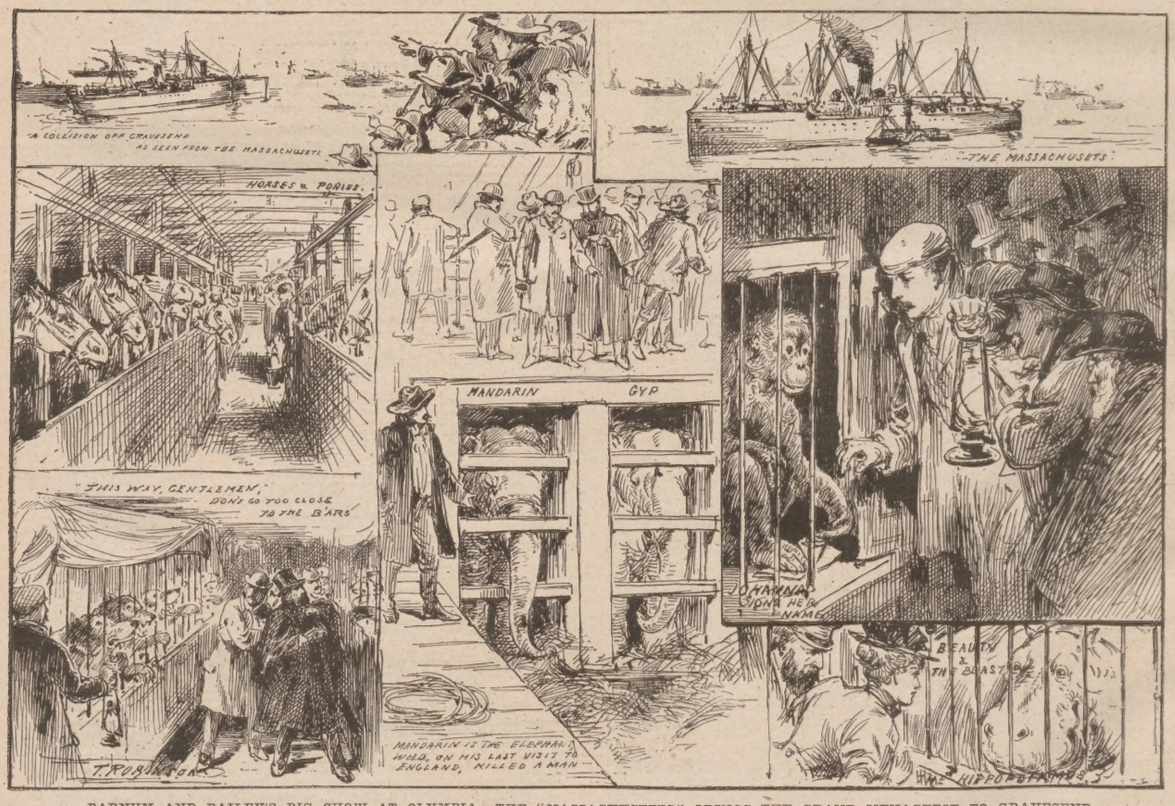
Kaiser Irene Prinzess Wilhelm Arcona

KIAO-CHAU BAY.

GERMANY GOES IN FOR BLUE AND WHITE CHINA: THE GERMAN FLEET THAT SEIZED KIAO-CHAU.

It has been said of England more than once (writes "Blue Peter") that when we want to grab country we manage to get a missionary or two killed first as an excuse. Germany, the latest aspirant to colonial power, has just lost a couple of missionaries at Kiao-chau, one of the finest harbours in the world. Pending a settlement, a German Fleet has taken possession of the bay and landed troops. This fleet consists of the *Kaiser*, an ironclad carrying eight 10 i.n. guns, one 8 in., and seven 6 in., protected by 10 in. armour; the *Princess Wilhelm* and *Irene*, fast protected cruisers, carrying fourteen 6 in. guns; and the *Arcona*, an old corvette, armed, however, with twelve 6 in. guns and two 3½ in. Whether the Germans will leave or not when once they have made good their footing is agitating diplomatic circles a good deal at present. British war-ships have been despatched to the scene; but their names have not yet transpired. Russian vessels are also said to be en route for Kiao-chau Bay. Meantime, we present the multitudinous readers of the *P. I. P.* with a sketch of the German Emperor's Fleet in the Chinese harbour seized upon to avenge the missionaries.

Further German ships (adds "Blue Peter," in sending us an additional sketch) have since been sent, so that the Kaiser is in something like a position to clinch the argument. There are the *Kaiserin Augusta*, a very fine cruiser, carrying twelve 6-inch quick-firers and eight 20-pounder quick-firers as well as many smaller ones. Another vessel, the *Gefion*, carries ten 4-inch guns, quick-firers, and six smaller quick-firers. Both these ships have submerged tubes for torpedoes. The third vessel, the *Deutschland*, carries the same armament as the *Kaiser*, noted above, and differs from her only in a few small details. Prince Henry of Prussia, the Emperor William's brother, is to be in supreme command. What Japan will do in the matter is not without interest. There is a prospect of a row of some sort. For ourselves, the latest idea seems to be that we had better "grab" a bit of China too—an excellent idea for everyone except, maybe, the Chinaman, who would, however, himself profit most in the long run by the opening up of China.


A COLLISION OFF GRAVESEND
AS SEEN FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS
THE MASSACHUSETTS
HORSES & PONIES
"THIS WAY, GENTLEMEN,"
DON'T GO TOO CLOSE TO THE BARS
MANDARIN
GYP
MANDARIN IS THE ELEPHANT WHICH, ON HIS LAST VISIT TO ENGLAND, KILLED A MAN
JOHANNA (DON'T KNOW HER NAME)
BEAUTY & THE BEAST
THE HIPPOPOTAMUS
T. ROBINSON

BARNUM AND BAILEY'S BIG SHOW AT OLYMPIA: THE "MASSACHUSETTS" BRINGS THE GRAND MENAGERIE TO GRAVESEND.

See "The Prompter" on the "Talk of London."

A "P.I.P." Artist's Trip to Manchester.

TRAVELLING long distances with the icy cold wind howling around is not generally considered a very enjoyable way of spending the time. But, having to go to Manchester on business last week, I was able to appreciate the enterprise of the

Midland Railway Company

in their improvement on the ordinary way of constructing carriages. The cosy one I travelled in from St. Pancras Terminus was heated with hot-air pipes that are connected with the driving-engines, keeping the atmosphere temperate, and thus enabling one to dispense with the evil-smelling and objectionable foot-warmer.

At Manchester

I found the rain coming down in torrents, but as I had been told it *always* rains in Manchester, I was not surprised. Being Friday,

The Stock Exchange

(which is, I believe, one of the finest Exchange buildings in the kingdom) was thronged with merchants, evidently from far and near. This centre of business I made a small sketch of. In the evening, dropping into Prince's Theatre to see "Charley's Aunt" once more, I found the stage in possession of the military. Not that any blood was being shed, but the bold citizen soldiers of

The Manchester Regiment

were engaged in receiving the golden cups and other prizes they had earned during the year. Colonel Bridgford, the grey-haired commandant, reported the regiment as being in a high state of efficiency and strength, and the Lord Mayor of Manchester then graciously presented the prizes. In half an hour the interesting ceremony was over, the boards were soon cleared, and this brightly decorated theatre resounded to the merry shouts and laughter that the "Aunt" never fails to bring forth—hugely to the profit of Mr. Penley and Mr. Brandon Thomas, who have found a veritable Klondyke in this jocund comedy, which would well bear revival in London—if Mr. Penley himself could only be prevailed upon to resume his original part of "Charley's Aunt."

It was my special mission to Cottonopolis to sketch one of the great manufacturing houses of Manchester; but my drawing of this subject is unavoidably postponed till next week.

THE 2nd V.B. THE MANCHESTER REGIMENT
PRESENTATION OF PRIZES
AT PRINCE'S THEATRE
ON FRIDAY THE 26th.
THE LORD MAYOR OF MANCHESTER
COL. BRIDGFORD C.O.

A "P.I.P." ARTIST'S SKETCHES IN MANCHESTER.

THE WORLD OF PASTIME.

THE CYCLE SHOWS.

EXIT Stanley, enter National. The coming of age of the former, as I told you last week, was a huge success, so far as matters had gone when the columns of the *P.I.P.* had to be closed up. The concluding portion was in keeping with the rest. Old and young of both sexes thronged the Agricultural Hall throughout Saturday, and the keen attention paid to the exhibits was as gratifying to the promoters as the business done during the week must have been to the many companies whose bicycles were on show and for sale.

Mr. E. A. Lamb,

the Secretary, is to be heartily congratulated on his association with a record success, and that he was bubbling over with satisfaction at the result of things generally was clearly and most pleasantly shown by his invitation to Pressmen and others to an informal but very happily conceived and well-carried-out luncheon, at which many complimentary words were spoken. The billiard tournament, which is of annual occurrence, resulted in the victory of the Canonbury Crawlers, who in the final heat beat the Beaumont C.C. From Islington to Sydenham is not a disagreeable change, and that large numbers are of this opinion was proved by the crowded state of

The Crystal Palace

on the eve of the National. So well known is this brightest of England's playgrounds that I need not expatiate on its advantages, of which Mr. Henry Gillman and his brother officers may be reckoned upon to make the best use. However, notwithstanding the great holding capacity of Sydenham's fairy-like Palace, space could not be found for the requirements of all, and when one has inspected the numerous and very varied exhibits this statement will probably seem amazing: for, though many things have been excluded unavoidably, the show will, I think, nevertheless be regarded as the

Finest Exhibition of Bicycles Ever Held.

The galleries are not being used this year, but the spacious concert-hall has been made available; and the very sensible plan of keeping tyres, machinery, mechanical appliances, and suchlike exhibits concentrated will, doubtless, be much appreciated. A visit to the

National Cycle Show

cannot fail to please, and when the mind has taken in sufficient of bicycles and their accessories, why there are the other entertainments to keep one amused until such time as trains have to be caught and good-byes said to the accompaniment of the organ's soothing strains, as produced by Walter Hedgcock, or, as the case may be, a familiar selection from the famous Crystal Palace band, under the able direction of Charles Godfrey, junior.

The N.W. London Cycling Club

will on Tuesday next have their annual dinner, under the presidency of Colonel A. F. Calvert, F.R.G.S., at the Horse-Shoe Hotel, which, in the hands of Messrs. Baker Brothers' skilful and judicious management, has quite deservedly become a favourite hostelry with athletic clubs for their yearly festivals.

Blackheath v. Richmond

was the chief attraction for Rugby Union football followers in the London district, and while the supporters of the one regretted the absence of P. M. Royds and P. G. Jacob—two of Blackheath's strongest players—those of the other side might have been better pleased had the visiting team to Blackheath included either C. A. Hooper or Hancock, or, perhaps, both. On the season's results Blackheath could only be judged the superior of their old rivals, but in the match of Saturday, though it ended in favour of the home club, the Richmond fifteen were seen to the greater advantage. Richmond's fine forward play on several occasions carried them very near to success, and was as distinctive a feature of their play as was Unwin's

Lord W. Beresford's Keenan (second), Tod Sloan up. Mr. G. MacLachlan's Don Alonzo (third), C. Purkiss up. Sir R. W. Griffiths' Asterie (first), H. Chapman up.

"P.I.P." SNAP-SHOT OF THE START FOR THE MANCHESTER NOVEMBER HANDICAP

See "Bendigo" on the Manchester Meeting.

MUNYON'S TALK TO WOMEN

THEIR INFLUENCE ON LIFE AND MANKIND.

'THE QUALITY OF THE WIFE IS THE STANDARD OF THE HUSBAND.'

'THE WORLD'S HAPPINESS DEPENDS UPON HEALTH.'

IF YOU ARE AILING IT IS YOUR DUTY TO GET WELL.

MUNYON'S REMEDIES WILL CURE YOU.

47 CURES FOR 47 AILMENTS.

Read a Few of the Grateful Testimonials Received from English Women.

Women Rule the World.—The success or failure of men as well as governments largely depends upon women. The most successful and lengthy administration of human affairs which the world has ever known is ruled by a woman. The Queen's Jubilee was a truly great, impressive, and inspiring sight. Men may occupy high offices and often arrogate to themselves the directorship of public and private affairs, but back of this outward manifestation is the silent but gentle and irresistible force of woman. It enters into every thought and action, it permeates every fibre of life. It inspires men with all that is good and pure and noble. Show me the quality of the wife, and I will tell you the standard of the husband. With the history of successful married men should be written—"Inspired, aided, and strengthened by a thoughtful, high-minded wife."

A community of good women will produce a community of good men. It is hardly necessary for me to say that good health is essential for good work. The world's happiness depends upon health. If you are ailing your first duty is to get well. You have no right to expect to enjoy the fullness of a man's love or the favours of society if you are continually fretting and bemoaning about your trials and afflictions. Be cheerful, be helpful, be kind. It is hard, you say, to be cheerful with a splitting headache, a sluggish liver, or a rebellious stomach. True, but why be tormented with these ailments? Why not take remedies that will cure you? I know that my Headache Cure will cure any kind of headache in from five to fifteen minutes, and that is a splendid stomach and nerve tonic, besides being absolutely harmless. Twenty-five cures for one shilling. If you are nervous, if you cannot sleep, if you are irritable or disposed to melancholy, try the Nerve Cure, and you will thank me a thousand times for this advice. I do not believe there ever was a remedy put upon the market that has cured so many cases of indigestion and stomach troubles as my Dyspepsia Cure. If you are bilious or suffer with any form of liver complaint, try the Liver Cure. If you have pains in the back and have kidney troubles, try the Kidney Cure. I have seldom known this remedy to fail. Careful investigation has proved that my Rheumatism Cure cures 90 per cent. of the people who take the remedy. In this talk I desire to particularly impress my readers with the value of my Female Cures. They are superior to any other known remedies, and almost invariably cure all forms of women's diseases. My cures for colds, coughs, sore throat, croup, colic, and for all other diseases of children should be in every home, for a dose or two of any of these remedies will often prevent long spells of illness. Thoughtful wives should become the family doctors. I have perfect faith in my remedies. I want you to have the same. My medicines are absolutely harmless: they are pleasant and easy to take, and there is a separate cure for each disease. There is no way in which a wife can be so helpful to her husband and family as by looking after their health. If you will let me help you in this matter, I am sure you will never regret it, and I most earnestly advise you to secure a copy of my "Guide to Health," which will tell you how to doctor yourself and your family in a simple, safe, and inexpensive manner. Below we publish a few of the many hundreds of testimonials received from the women of Great Britain during the past few months.

TESTIMONIALS OF ENGLISH WOMEN.

CURED OF DYSPEPSIA AFTER MANY MONTHS OF SUFFERING.

Jane Elizabeth Jordan, of 53, Alsdale Road, Bradford, says:—"I am glad to tell you your medicine has cured me of dyspepsia after great inconvenience and suffering for many months. I feel it has put new life in me."

A MOTHER'S GRATITUDE.

Mrs. Sale, of 4, Stanton Street, Commercial Road, Peckham, writes: "I have been taking your pellets for dyspepsia, as has also one of my daughters. We have found much relief, and they have made us feel bright, cheerful, and active. As I have a large family to work for, I am indeed grateful for the benefit I have received."

HEADACHE CURE IS REMARKABLE.

Mrs. J. Clark, of 129, Riversdale Road, Highbury, N., writes: "I have tried your Headache Cure, and find it remarkable, having only had to take a few pellets. I have told my friends about it, and have sent some vials to other friends in the country."

PARTIAL LIST OF CURES.

RHEUMATISM CURE.

Munyon's Rheumatism Cure is guaranteed to be absolutely harmless, and a strong tonic in building up the weak and debilitated. It promptly cures lameness, stiff and swollen joints, stiff back, and all pains in the hips and loins. Price One Shilling. Large Size, Four Shillings.

STOMACH AND DYSPEPSIA CURE.

Munyon's Stomach and Dyspepsia Cure cures all forms of indigestion and stomach troubles. Price One Shilling. Large Size, Four Shillings.

MUNYON'S CATARRH REMEDIES never fail. The Catarrh Cure—price 1s.—eradicates the disease from the system, and the Catarrh Tablets—price 1s.—cleanse and heal the parts.

MUNYON'S COLD CURE prevents Pneumonia and breaks up a Cold in a few hours. Price 1s.

MUNYON'S COUGH CURE stops coughs, night sweats, allays soreness, and speedily heals the lungs. Price 1s.

MUNYON'S KIDNEY CURE speedily cures pains in the back, loins, or groins, and all forms of kidney disease. Price 1s.

MUNYON'S NERVE CURE cures all the symptoms of nervous exhaustion. It stimulates and strengthens the nerves, and is a wonderful tonic. Price 1s.

MUNYON'S ASTHMA CURE and Herbs relieve asthma in three minutes, and cure permanently. Price 4s.

MUNYON'S HEADACHE CURE stops headache in three minutes. Price 1s.

MUNYON'S FEMALE REMEDIES are a boon to all women.

MUNYON'S BLOOD CURE eradicates all impurities of the blood. Price 1s.

MUNYON'S PILE OINTMENT positively cures all forms of piles. Price 1s.

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RESULT
CORINTHIANS 2 GOALS
SHEFFIELD U'TD NIL

work at half-back of Blackheath's. Blackheath won by a goal and a try to a try. The first visit of

Cambridge University

to London this season was attended with success. This result was not unexpected, for London Scottish, whom they came up to meet, had not so far shown anything like the form of the Light Blues.

Corinthians and Sheffield United.'

was the attraction at the Queen's Club, but what should have been the most important Association match of the day was discounted by the United being represented by a team which included only half those who play in League matches. The Corinthians, who had much the better of the play, scored a goal in each half. Just the same result was obtained in the match between Casuals and London Caledonians at Tufnell Park, the former winning. 'Oxford University beat Old Westminsters by four goals to none, and the match between Old Carthusians and the Old Brightonians was drawn; while in the London Senior Cup the Old Etonians beat Bromley by six goals to none, the brothers Gosling, as usual, doing a lot of good work.

League Matches.

First Division, were seven in number, and in five definite results were obtained. Aston Villa, Sheffield Wednesday, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Liverpool, and Everton were winners, the last-named beating West Bromwich Albion by six goals to one.

At the Bath Club.

With a very pleasant evening the club in Dover Street, Piccadilly, brought their programme of swimming entertainments for the present year to a close. Lord Alwyne Compton presided over a large and fashionable company of both sexes, it being a ladies' night. A 40-yards race between W. J. Stratton, New Zealand's champion, and E. H. Hunt, Polytechnic, which the former won, was followed by some very clever and instructive exhibitions by W. Henry, hon. sec. of the Life-Saving Society, and Baron von Bissing. This part of the entertainment was greatly appreciated, as was an exhibition by Miss Lewin, the lady instructress to the club, and some capital diving by members of the Neptune Club. A water-polo match between Polytechnic and People's Palace awakened the enthusiasm of all present.

17th (North) Middlesex School of Arms.

Last week at the drill-hall in High Street, Camden Town, the open novices' competitions provided some spirited bouts and no small amount of excellence. In the 8st. 4lb. competition, A. Sutherland, Polytechnic, proved victorious, his last bout being with S. Harris, a fellow clubman. G. Brooks, also of the Polytechnic, won the 9st. 6lb. competition, the final, with J. O'Brien, North London A.C., being of so spirited and level a description that some of those present thought the last-named should have been awarded the verdict. At the

St. James's A.C.

open novices' competitions the winners were H. Holmes, Woolwich Polytechnic, 7st. 10lb. competition, and E. Mann, Lynn B.C., in the 10st. 8lb. competition.

Cross Country.

Those old and very friendly rivals, the Blackheath and South London Harriers, held a five-miles handicap at South Croydon. C. E. Haydon, S.L.H., won, and his running was the feature of the race, for he ran faster than the scratch man, doing the distance in 30 min. 41 sec., against the 30 min. 54 sec. of J. E. W. Sanders, also S.L.H. The Thames Hare and Hounds scored a victory over Oxford on the Shotover course at Oxford, three of their men occupying the chief places—namely, W. H. Whitelaw, E. H. Flack, and A. L. Rye. Cambridge University, who were opposed by Ranelagh Harriers, proved successful, though M. Davie, of the visiting team, was first man home. Six Cambridge men were included in the first eight, W. W. Gibberd and S. S. Cook occupying respectively second and third positions.

The World's Championship at Racquets.

As, in company with most of those familiar with Latham's play, I anticipated, the second match, played at New York, like the first, resulted in a victory for Peter. Latham won by four games to three. BANSHEE.

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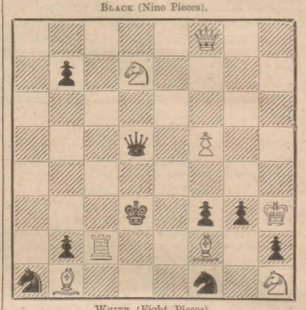
HORACE FREESTONE.—The game on Nov. 20 is correctly printed, though move 13., R takes B, is insufficiently described; it should have been R takes K B.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 198.

1. B to B 7th	Kt takes R	2. R takes R.	Mate.
1. "	P to R 3rd	2. B to Kt 6th.	"
1. "	R to Q 6th	2. Q takes P.	" etc.

PROBLEM No. 199.—BY H. CUDMORE.

BLACK (Nine Pieces).



WHITE (Eight Pieces).
White to play, and mate in two moves.

JANOWSKI v. WALBRODT.

When the two masters had contested six games, the score was two each and two draws, the series was therefore prolonged by three more games. Janowski won the next two games, Walbrodt therefore resigned. We append the seventh game of the series, which was very well played by Janowski. Of course, as usual, when a player loses, faults are to be found with his game, but had it not been for the very clever way in which Janowski took advantage of a few inactive moves on the part of his opponent, the game might have again resulted in a draw. Taken on the whole, the result of this encounter has been very disappointing. First Walbrodt was two games ahead, then Janowski got two games ahead, and we are left to conjecture who would have got the majority if the players had been engaged in a regular set match. A number of games are therefore quite worthless as reliable trial of strength. In a long match played under proper conditions, we should still be inclined to back Walbrodt, though we greatly prefer the style of play of his opponent.

SEVENTH GAME OF THE SERIES.

WHITE (Janowski).	BLACK (Walbrodt).	WHITE (Janowski).	BLACK (Walbrodt).
1. P to Q 4th	P to Q 4th	23. R to K Kt 1st	P to R 4th
2. P to Q B 4th	P to K 3rd	24. Q R to B 1st	P to R 5th
3. Q Kt to B 3rd	K Kt to B 3rd	25. B to R 2nd	P to R 1st
4. B to Kt 5th	B to K 2nd	26. P to Q R 3rd	P to Q Kt 4th
5. K to B 2nd	P to Q Kt 3rd	27. P to K Kt 4th	P takes P.
6. P to K 3rd	B to Kt 2nd	28. Kt takes P (Kt 4th)	Q R to K 1st
7. P takes P	Kt takes P	29. Q to Kt 2nd	R to B 1st
8. B takes B	Q takes B	30. Q to Kt 3rd	R to K 2nd
9. B to Kt 5 (ch)	P to B 3rd	31. Q to R 4th	R to Kt 2nd
10. Kt takes Kt	P takes Kt	32. Q to R 6th	Q to K 2nd
11. B to Q 3rd	Kt to Q 2nd	33. R to Kt 2nd	Castles K R
12. Castles	Castles K R	34. Q R to K Kt 1st	R (B) to B 2
13. R to B 1st	P to K B 4th	35. Q to R 3rd	K to Kt 1st
14. Q to R 4th	P to Q R 4th	36. Kt to B 4th	K to R 1st
15. K R to K 1st	P to Q 3rd	37. P to B 5th	Kt to B 3rd
16. Q to Kt 3rd	P to B 5th	38. Q to Kt 2nd	Kt to K 5th
17. Q to B 2nd	P to Kt 3rd	39. B takes Kt	P takes B
18. Q to R 2nd	K R to K 1st	40. P takes P	P takes P
19. P to K R 3rd	K to B 2nd	41. K takes P	R takes R
20. Kt to K 3th	Kt to Q 2nd	42. Q takes R	R to K R 2nd
21. P to B 4th	Q to K 3rd	43. Q to Q 6th	Resigns.
22. K to R 1st	R to K B 1st		

DRAUGHTS.

F. R. DAY.—You have found a second solution to Problem No. 155 by 26—31, 17—26, 31—15, 29—22, 1—5, B wins.

A. E. P.—No. 154 can also be solved by 10—7, as you suggest.

CAPTAIN CHALLICE, R.N.—To No. 154, correct. Our limited space will not admit a "Solvers' List."

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 155.—BY J. E. JONES.

Black: 2, 7, 16, 18, 19, 1k.
White: 11, 17, 25, 27, 31, 12k.

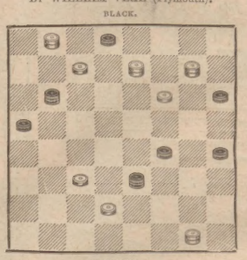
Black to move, and win.

18—23	2—6	19—23	1—5	5—14
27 18	11 2	12 26	2 9	B. wins.

PROBLEM No. 156.

BY WILLIAM VEAL (Plymouth).

BLACK.



WHITE.
White to move, and win.

GAME No. 114.

Played by correspondence between Mr. A. JORDAN (Black), the English Champion, and Mr. W. H. GRIGGS (White). The Edinburgh (*); Mr. Jordan's move.

9—13*	8—15	3—7	18—27	8—12
22 18	18 11	20 16	31 15	25 22
10—15	7—16	5—9	9—14	18—25
25 22	24 20	27 24	28 24	29 22
6—10	16—19	7—11	14—18	19—23
23 19	22 18	16 7	20 25	
11—16	4—8	2—18	12—16	DRAWD
18 11	18 15	24 15	24 20	
16—23	1—6	10—19	16—19	
27 18	32 27	26 23	20 16	

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THE WORLD OF WOMEN.

SYMPATHY WITH LORD LATHOM.

As sad in its way as the loss of H.R.H. the Duchess of Teck was the painfully sudden death of the Countess of Lathom from a carriage accident. Every class of society, from Her Majesty and the Prince and Princess of Wales to the humblest member of the Lord Chamberlain's office, from Belgravia's mansions to the poorest Lancashire cottager, whom her Ladyship's large-hearted bounty often relieved, appeared, from what I heard, to sympathise most sincerely with the bereaved Earl, who has always seemed to me one of the most dignified, stately, and exemplary noblemen of the reign. I only hope this shocking fatality to the Countess of Lathom while driving her phaeton from a shooting party will show ladies generally the dangers attending driving, and induce them to yield the reins to strong-wristed men and more experienced drivers. The terrible shock occasioned by his wife's sad death prostrated the Earl of Lathom, and prevented him from attending the funeral last Saturday, when wreaths from Her Majesty, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and from the German Emperor were placed with the floral tributes from the numerous other friends of the deceased lady.

Covent Garden Costume Ball.

On Friday night, Dec. 3, takes place the second grand Fancy Dress Ball of the London Winter Season. What say you to an elegant seventy-five guinea evening gown in the latest Paris fashion for the first prize? The Editor of the *Lady's Pictorial* courteously permits me to reproduce the design of this commendably tasteful dress, which will be made to fit the wearer at Peter Robinson's Oxford Street drapery establishment, where it has been exhibited, to the huge delight of many ladies who have stopped to admire its grace of outline, and the rich beauty of the costly fabrics. It is designed in the best taste. Lucky, indeed, will be the lady who wins this lovely ball-dress at the Covent Garden *Bal Masqué*. The fresh series of Fancy Dress Balls is managed in the most admirably efficient manner by Mr. Frank Rendle and Mr. Neil Forsyth, respectively the brother-in-law and business-manager of the late Sir Augustus Harris. They offer, in addition to this first prize for ladies, a silver tea and coffee service, gold watch and chain, and other valuable gifts. Lieutenant Dan Godfrey conducts his fine orchestra in what is made to represent the deck-house of a man-of-war, with illuminated Southsea for background.

A Captivating Parisienne

is also limned, this Drawing having likewise been lent us by the *Lady's Pictorial*, whose Paris Correspondent thus describes this exquisitely finished outdoor dress: "I am sending you a sketch of the latest *toilette de promenade*, which is a lovely affair in mordoré cloth as to the skirt, trimmed in most original fashion with velvet

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to match, while the coat is entirely in the velvet, its slightly pouched fullness held in by a white leather belt studded with jewels. Moreover, the yoke is a thing of beauty and of white kid, *appliqué* with velvet and embroidered with jewels, while it has a bordering of skunk fur, and fastens over at the left side with a cascade of lace. The velvet hat has the new flat trimming of ostrich-feathers and a cluster of crimson roses at the side."

The Winter Capes and Dresses,

by the way, of Messrs. J. Phillips and Son, the Court and ladies' tailors, of 58, Regent Street, are well worth viewing. The tailor-made gowns for town and country alike may be cordially recommended to my well-to-do readers. And it is a source of satisfaction to the conductors of the *P.I.P.* that this paper, being read by the million, reaches all classes.

As usual at this time of year, there is more attention paid to

Evening Dresses

than to morning gowns. Some of the former articles I have seen are most elaborate and expensive. Imagine a frock of turquoise-blue satin—real silk satin, not cotton-backed and papery, but the real article—veiled in cream net with a pattern upon it in silver gauze and the pattern outlined with white chenille and embroidered with silver spangles; and, as if the above were not gorgeous enough, a narrow border of mink fur trims the bottom of the skirt and the top of the bodice!

Turquoise Blue is Fashionable

for evening gowns. A dinner-dress I saw the other night was made of turquoise-blue brocade, with upon it a handsome design of flowers in silvery white. The bodice was of blue satin, covered with chiffon and silvery white gauze very cleverly mingled, and some silver passementerie was used for the waist-band and to catch in the full sleeves.

Bridesmaids

now seem to wear white or blue or the two colours combined. Grey or violet is very much in favour for the travelling-dress of a bride.

At a Jewish Wedding

which took place recently in London, the little girl bridesmaids wore frocks of cream crêpe with full satin sleeves, and instead of hats they had on their heads wreaths of Senilax and Eucharis lilies. The effect was novel and picturesque.

I have had some curious and rather heart-rending letters from readers who have been interested in our

Love and Marriage Discussion.

One is from a girl of eighteen, who tells me that she is going to marry, early in the coming year, a man who is fairly well off, for whom, as she rather coarsely expresses it, she does "not care a rap." Then she adds, rather pathetically, "Do you think I am very foolish?" I reply, "Certainly I do." I think she is worse than foolish. I think she is about to

Commit a Great Wrong—

first, to the man, and then to herself. Of her future husband she says: "He is amiable enough, but he has rather a hasty temper, and he is jealous and not good-looking." Then she adds: "I am only marrying him to get away from home, where I am miserable."

Miserable at home and only eighteen! Poor girl! She has two sisters older than herself; they are not pretty, but they are very jealous of her good looks and the admiration she gets (as the sisters of Cinderella were of that nursery heroine) and they would never let her "get a scrap of pleasure" if they could help it. And so she is marrying a man for whom she does not care—in fact, she says she rather dislikes him than otherwise; and then out comes the worst part of the unhappy affair—there is a young fellow without a penny, except a salary of £80 a year and

Very Poor Prospects,

with whom she would run away if he asked her, he is "such a duck." Poor child! I am very sorry for her; but what can I do? Nothing. She must buy her experience, and I fear that, whether she keeps her engagement, or runs away with the "duck," she will make her purchase in a very dear market. There is an alternative which I offer for her consideration, and that is to

Break Off Her Engagement,

and to give the man her true reason for doing so, namely, that she does not care for him; but I hope she will have the good sense not to throw herself into the arms of the young gentleman with the salary of £80 per annum. That could only bring her poverty, and probably unhappiness. "When Poverty steps in at the door, Love flies out of the window." Besides, he is probably too worldly-wise to risk a marriage on such an income—some young men are very sensible nowadays. I have no doubt that she has over-coloured her description of her unhappiness at home. I know that elder sisters can make themselves very disagreeable, and younger sisters can make themselves very unamiable; but my correspondent is not tied to

THE LATEST PARISIAN PROMENADE TOILET.

them for life, as she would be to a husband. She should have faith in the future, and remember the happiness achieved by another Cinderella when "Mr. Right" came along at last.

I may here fitly give some very appropriate verses, called

A Helping Hand.

A helping hand we all may give,
If but a pleasant word to say.
And something find each day we live
To help another on the way.

A helping hand may sow the seed
From which the fruits of goodness grow;
And to the right may gently lead
The erring from the path of woe.

A helping hand to all mankind,
Among the rich, the poor, and low,
In every state of life can find
An act of kindness to bestow.

A helping hand where'er we go,
A ray of sunshine may impart,
And last a deed of kindness show
A noble and a generous heart.

In the above we have, in another form, my favourite lines, written by Charles Kingsley—

Do the work that's nearest,
Though it's dull at whiles;
Helping when you meet them
Lame dogs over stiles.

Christmas Presents

will soon be occupying the minds of the generous. It is sad to know that thousands of fancy articles which were intended for the Christmas market were destroyed in the terrible Well Street fire, which wrought such destruction in the City recently. But to look at the contents of the London shops, one would not think that the stock needed any additions. Very beautiful presents can be bought in richest diversity and at cheapest prices

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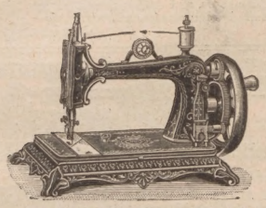

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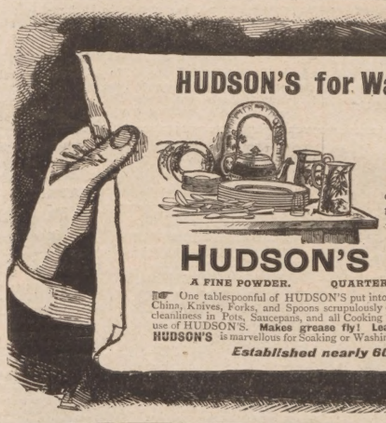

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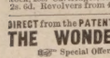

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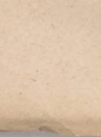
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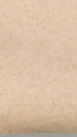
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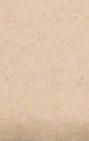
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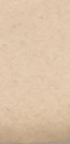
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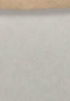
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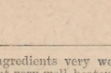
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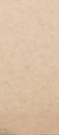
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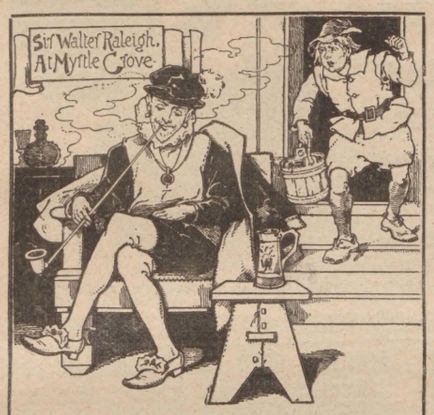

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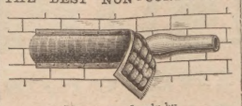

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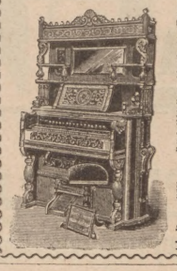

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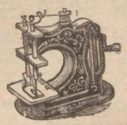

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